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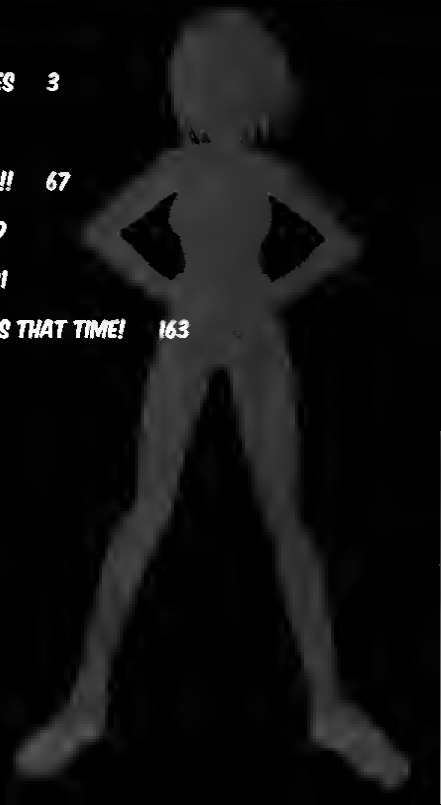

CHAPTER 7
THE DOUBLE-EDGED EYES
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Haruka!!

WE'RE NOW IN THE MIDST OF THE SECOND DAY OF THE MADONNA CUP!!
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FURIOUS MATCHES ARE BEING FOUGHT ON EVERY SINGLE COURT!!

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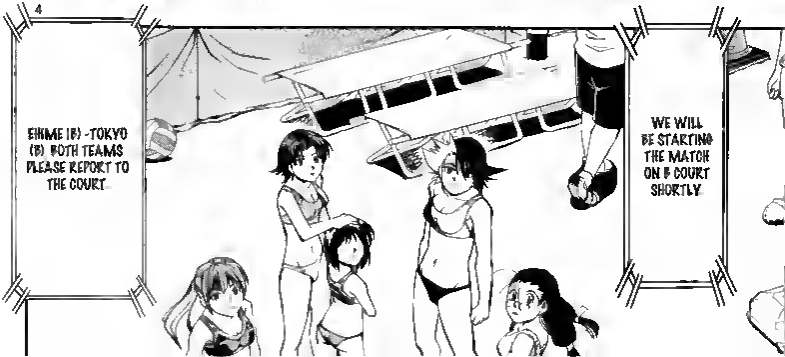
ARE YOU GOING ALREADY?
YES

I'LL STOP HAYAKAWA HERE.

IF WE KEPT WINNING, WE'D HAVE ENDED UP PLAYING THEM SOONER OR LATER ANYWAY...
SO THE TIME'S COME FOR EHIME AND TOKYO TO CONFRONT EACH OTHER...

IZUMI...

MAYBE I'LL BE THE ONE TO BEAT HAYAKAWA, NANASE.


EHIME (E) -TOKYO (B) BOTH TEAMS PLEASE REPORT TO THE COURT.
WE WILL BE STARTING THE MATCH ON B COURT SHORTLY.

IZUMI!
IZUMI, GIVE IT ALL YOU'VE GOT!!
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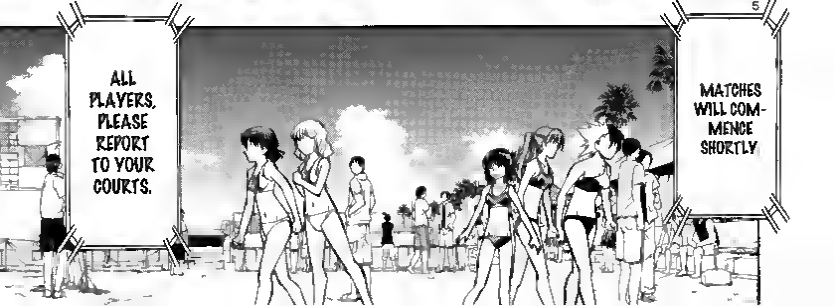
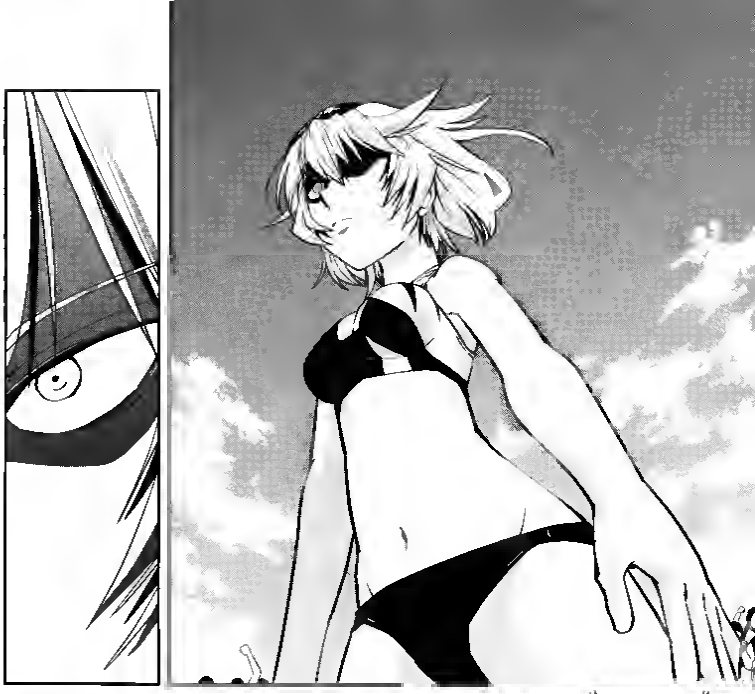
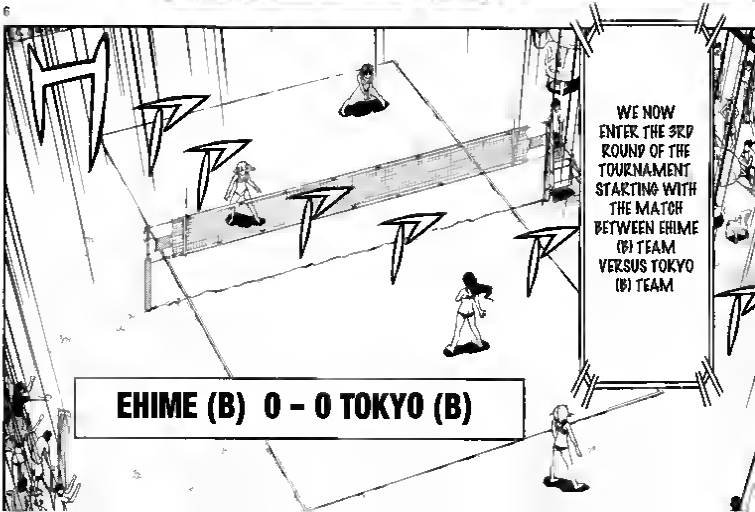
YES, I WILL.
IRUKA. IT'S ABOUT TIME WE GET GOING, TOO
OKAY


MATCHES WILL COMMENCE SHORTLY
ALL PLAYERS, PLEASE REPORT TO YOUR COURTS.




WE NOW ENTER THE 3RD ROUND OF THE TOURNAMENT STARTING WITH THE MATCH BETWEEN EHIME (B) TEAM VERSUS TOKYO (B) TEAM
EHIME (B) 0 – 0 TOKYO (B)

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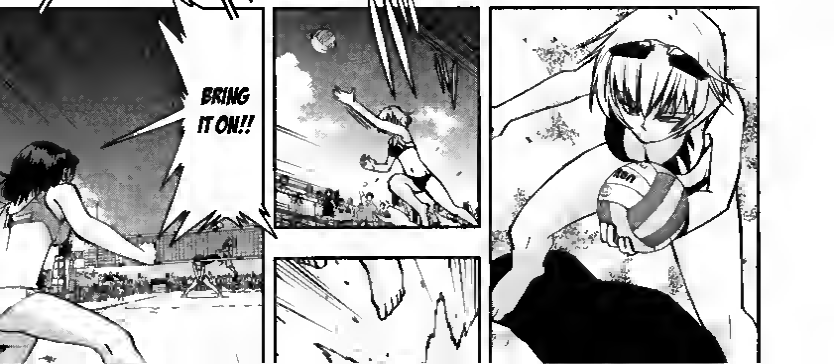
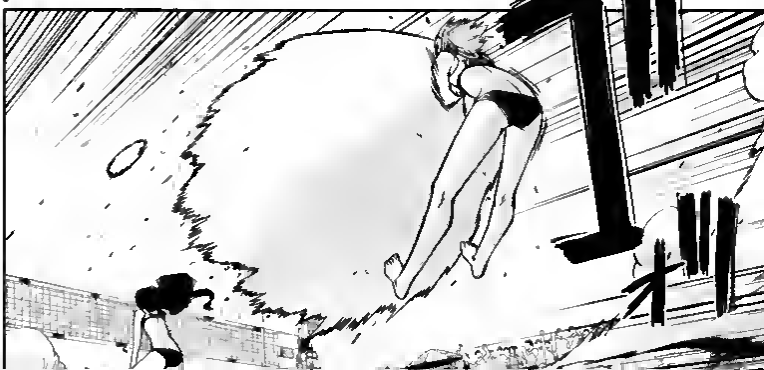
THE HAYAKAWA — ONO PAIR HAS COME STRAIGHT THROUGH WITHOUT LOSING A SINGLE SET. WHAT KIND OF STRATEGY WILL THE HOMETOWN EHIME TEAM USE TO CHALLENGE THEM!?
IT LOOKS LIKE THE MATCH BETWEEN EHIME (B) AND TOKYO (B) IS ABOUT THE START ON COURT B!!


BRING IT ON!!

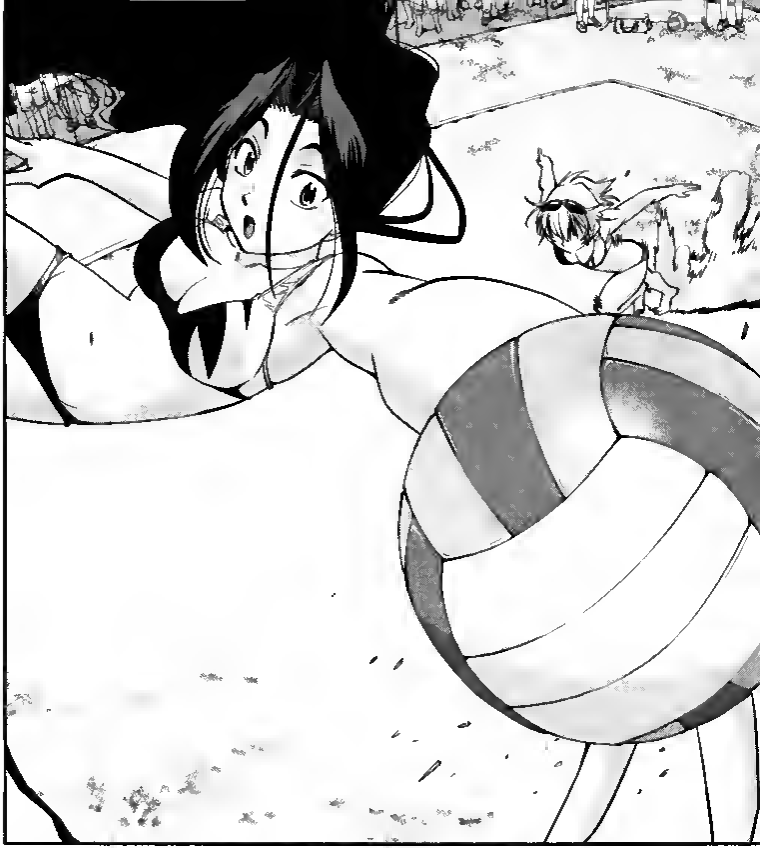
Attack All

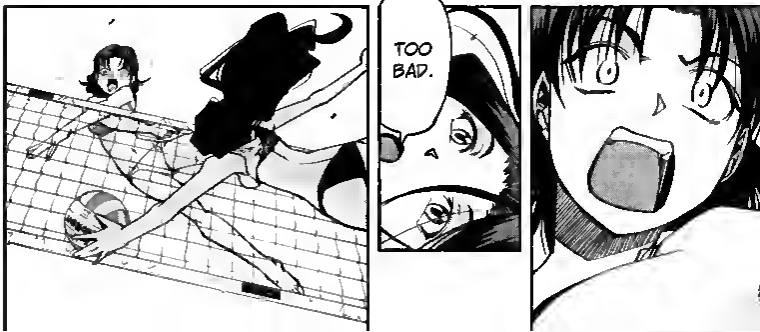


THE STINGER SHOT!!
SHE CAN USE THAT AS EITHER A SPIKE OR A SERVE!?
SOMEHOW, IZUMI WAS ABLE TO CLEAR THE BALL!!
SA-DAKO!!
DON'T WORRY, I'M FINE! I'LL HIT IT!!

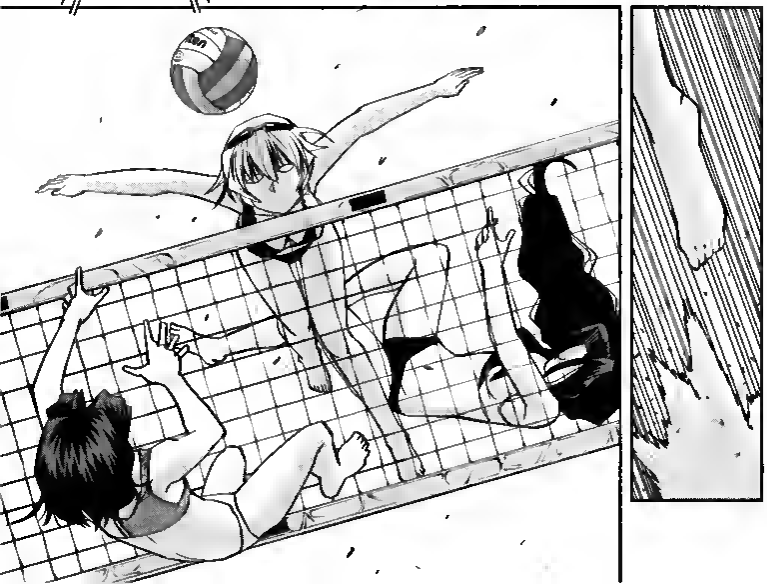
I DID IT SO EHIME COULD BE VICTORI-OUS!!
TO FIGHT AGAINST THE ANGEL!
I SPENT THIS PAST YEAR WORKING ON THIS, WAITING FOR THIS MOMENT...
DO AS YOU PLEASE
SANAE
FU FU FU... WHAT GREAT FIGHTING SPIRIT.
I'LL SHOW YOU!
IT'S A DEVIL'S SHOT THAT INVOLVES CHANGING THE DIREC-TION JUST BEFORE HIT-TING. USING THAT TRICK, I'LL GET PAST EVERY BLOCK YOU TRY!!

DEVIL DAGGER!!
I DID IT!!




TOO BAD.

HER KILLER BLOCK! IT'S THE SPIDER TRAP!!
SHE STOPPED IT!!!
THE SORCER-ESS!!
ONO WAS ABLE TO STOP IT!!
AND WITH-OUT DELAY, HAYAKAWA APPROACHES THE NET AT TERRIFYING SPEED!



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AHHH

WHERE'S THE BALL!?
SADAKO!
IZUMI USES HER BODY IN AN AMAZING BLOCK!!
THE BALL IS IN PLAY!!
IT'S COMING TO YOU, SADAKO!!
I WILL BE THE ONE TO PROTECT IT!!
OUR HOMETOWN... EHIME'S SPIRIT AND PRIDE

SENPAI, YOUR NEXT OPPONENT IS AOMORI!!
GO GET 'EM!!
AS A 1ST YEAR STUDENT, I'LL BE THE FIRST TO TELL YOU, "AGE DOESN'T MEAN A THING! EVEN A 2ND YEAR CAPTAIN WILL BE FINE!"

ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO!
OUR OPPONENTS ARE BOTH 3RD YEAR STUDENTS... KAGURAZAKA...
IRUKA

IT LOOKS LIKE THE MATCH BETWEEN KANAGAWA AND AOMORI IS ABOUT TO START ON COURT 9!!
HIRO-CHAN!
I WOULD NEVER HAVE IMAGINED THAT WE'D GO UP AGAINST NANASE HERE.
WHAT'D YOU SAY!?
I'M NOT GONNA LOSE!!

PLEASE START WHEN YOU'RE READY
HER FACIAL EXPRESSION HAS CHANGED SO THIS IS WHAT NANASE LOOKS LIKE WHEN SHE'S SERIOUS?
WE START OUR MATCH WITH NANASE OF THE KANAGAWA TEAM SERVING!

HERE I GO!!
SUCH HEIGHT!!

AND A STRONG SERVE FROM NANASE!!
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OKAY! LEAVE IT TO ME!!
IRUKA, UP FRONT!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE CAN HIT A SERVE LIKE THAT WITH HER PHY-SIQUE!!
OW!!
A NICE CLEARANCE BY KAGURAZAKA! NOW THEY SHIFT TO THE COUNTERAT-TACK!!
BUT, THIS IS EXCITING!! IT HAS TO BE LIKE THIS, OR IT WOULDN'T FEEL LIKE I'M PLAYING NANASE!!

HERE I GO, NANASE!!
HIRO-CHAN, HIT IT!!
SHE'S DONE WELL!! ISHIHARA RECEIVES THE BALL AND DIRECTS IT UP TOWARD THE NET!!
HERE YOU GO, IKUKA!!
I GOT IT!!
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HIRO-CHAN, SHE'D GOING TO HIT IT!!
I'LL STOP IT!!
HINASE'S SPIKE!! HERE IT COMES!!
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RIGHT BACK AT YOU!!

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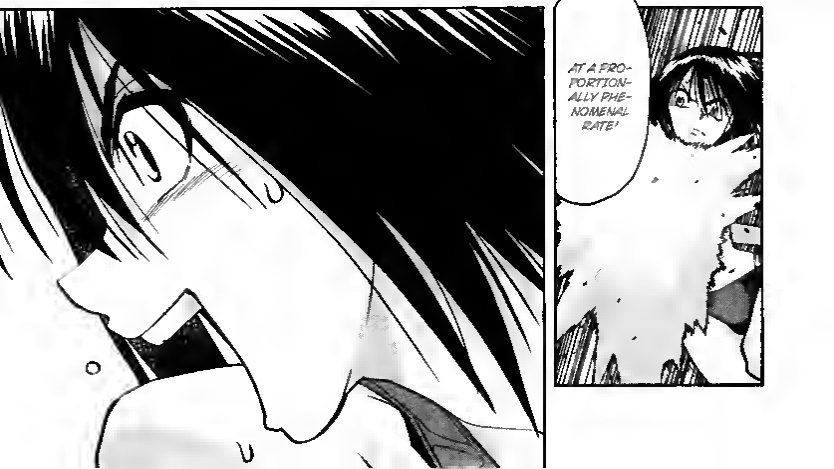
NEITHER ONE IS HOLDING BACK!!
IT - IT'S AMAZING!! THEY'RE HITTING AGAINST EACH OTHER RIGHT OFF THE BAT!!
KAGURAZAKI WAS ABLE TO RETURN THE SPIKE OVER THE NET!!
...DAMN! SHE'S STRONG!!
WE STILL HAVE THE BALL! WE CAN DO THIS!!
NO GOOD!! SHE STOPPED IT!!
ISHIHARA RECEIVES THE BALL AND SETS IT IN FRONT OF THE NET!!
HERE'S ANOTHER CHANCE FOR KANAGAWA!!

ONCE AGAIN, KANAGAWA ATTACKS WITH A SPIKE!!
SHE STOPPED IT AGAIN!!
DON'T WORRY IT'S TRUE THAT THEY HAVE GREAT PHYSICAL ABILITY, BUT THEY LACK IN STRATEGY
IN FACT, IT PUZZLES ME HOW AOMORI WAS ABLE TO GET THROUGH NATIONALS AND COME THIS FAR.

THIS GIRL IS SOMEONE WHO GETS STRONGER EVERY TIME SHE FIGHTS SOMEONE
WHEN HER OPPONENTS ARE STRONG SHE GROWS STRONGER AS WELL AT A PHENOMENAL RATE
SHE DOESN'T EVEN SEEM LIKE THE SAME PERSON AS THE ONE I SAW AT THE PREFECTURAL PRELIMINARY MATCHES
NAVAGE'S SO STRONG!

WHEN HER OPPONENTS ARE STRONG, SHE GROWS STRONGER AS WELL


AT A PROPORTIONALLY PHENOMENAL RATE!

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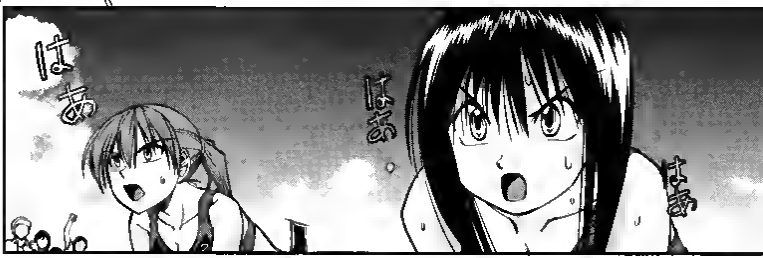
EVEN AFTER TAKING 1 SET, THE ENERGY LEVEL HASN'T GONE DOWN!!
THE KANAGAWA TEAM ATTACKS FIERCELY!!
KANAGASA° 12 - 3 AOMORI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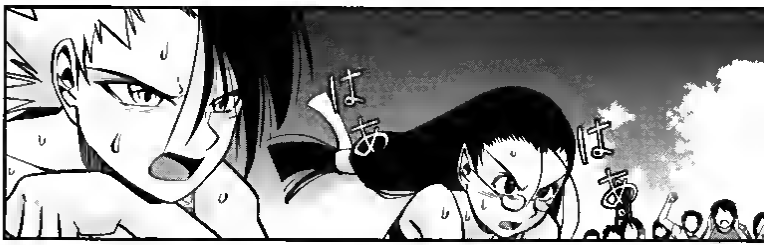
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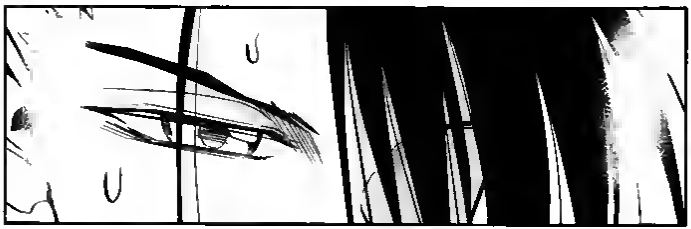

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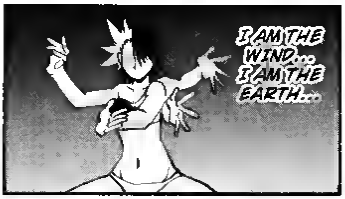
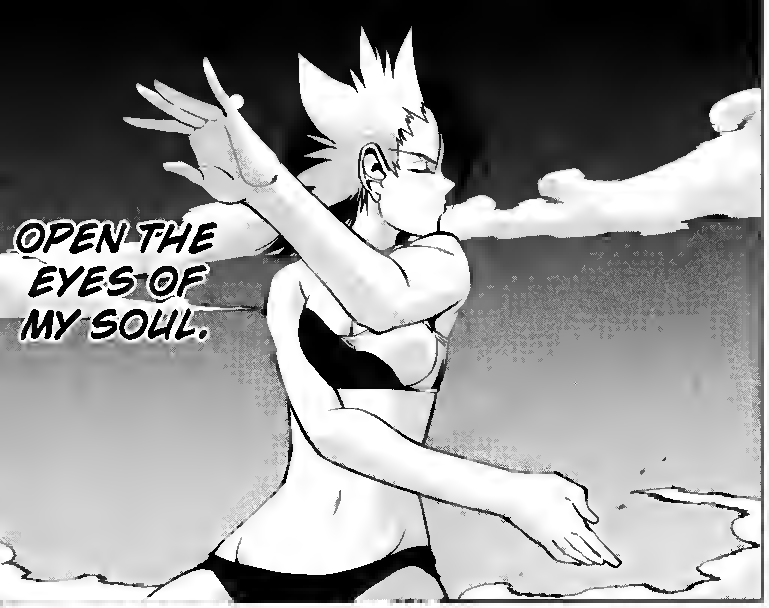
TIME OUT!!
YUKANA, I'M GOING TO USE "THAT".
HIRO-CHAN, IT'S TOO SOON!!
IT'S NOT TOO SOON IN FACT, NOW'S THE TIME TO USE IT.
IF THEY TAKE THE SECOND SET, THEN EVERYTHING ENDS HERE.
BUT IF YOU USE IT NOW, WE DON'T KNOW IF YOU'LL BE ABLE TO LAST UNTIL THE END, OR...
THE AOMORI TEAM HAS CALLED A TIME-OUT
WE SHALL SEE IF THEY CAN TURN THINGS AROUND
IT'S FINE.
I'LL TIE THINGS UP RIGHT AWAY.

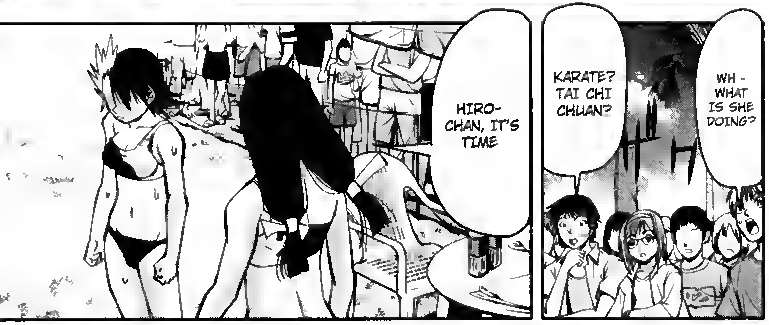
I WONDER IF IT WILL REALLY END THIS WAY
WE'RE GONNA WIN!!
ALL RIGHT, THIS IS GOOD! KEEP GOING!!


I AM THE WIND... I AM THE EARTH...

CONTROL MY BREATHING, ERASE ALL IDLE THOUGHTS.

I AM ONE WITH NATURE...
EVERY-THING IS CLEAR...


OPEN THE EYES OF MY SOUL.


HIRO-CHAN, IT'S TIME
KARATE? TAI CHI CHUAN?
WH - WHAT IS SHE DOING?

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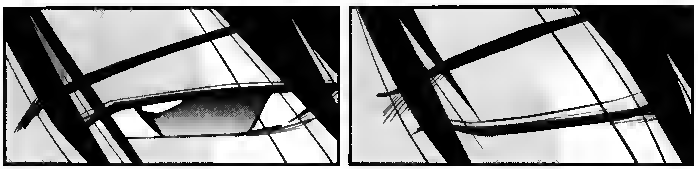
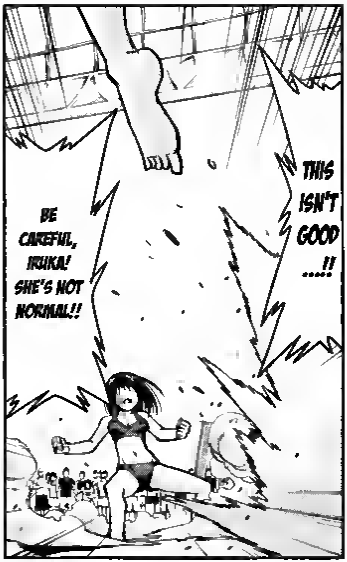
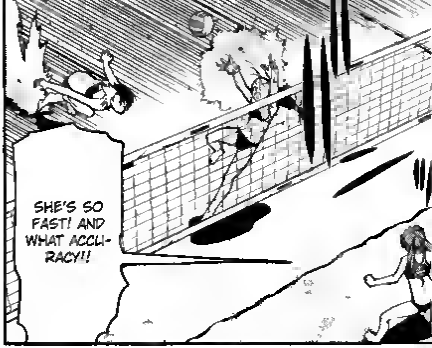


THOSE EYES... IT CAN'T BE...
AND WE'RE BACK TO THE MATCH. WILL AOMORI MANAGE TO TURN THINGS AROUND!?
NANASE STARTS WITH A SERVE!
IRUKA, WATCH OUT. SOMETHING ABOUT HER IS DIFFERENT!!
SHE'S PLANNING TO PULL SOME KIND OF TRICK...

AAAAAH!
GET THIS!!
SHE RECEIVES IT BEAUTIFULLY!!
SHE CLEARS NANASE'S SERVE WITHOUT A PROBLEM!!
SHE STARTED MOVING TOWARD THE NET AS SOON AS SHE RECEIVED THE BALL! SHE'S SO FAST!

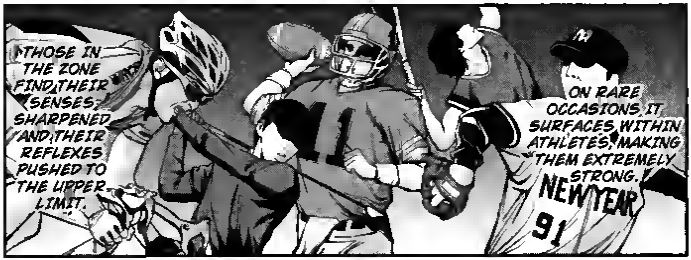

BE CAREFUL, IRUKA! SHE'S NOT NORMAL!!
THIS ISN'T GOOD ....!!


SHE'S SO FAST! AND WHAT ACCU-RACY!!

I WAS RIGHT ABOUT HER EYES! SHE'S GOT THE "DOUBLE-EDGED EYES"!! IT CAN HAPPEN WHEN ALL YOUR NERVES HAVE BEEN STRETCHED BEYOND THEIR UTMOST LIMITS

SHE'S ENTERED THE ZONE!!

THE ZONE


THOSE IN THE ZONE FIND THEIR SENSES SHARPENED AND THEIR REFLEXES PUSHED TO THE UPPER LIMIT.
ON RARE OCCASIONS IT SURFACES WITHIN ATHLETES, MAKING THEM EXTREMELY STRONG.
NEW YEAR
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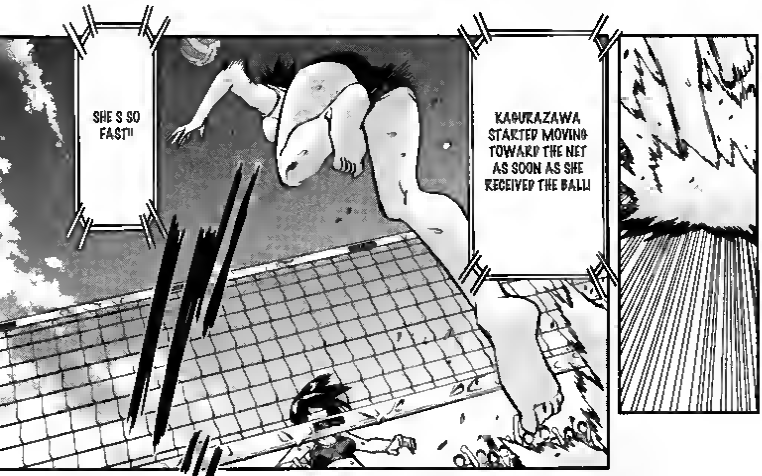
HOWEVER, THE PRICE YOU PAY FOR IT IS ALSO GREAT...



CHAPTER 8
ZONE LIMIT
The!! Beach Stars

KAGURA-ZAWA'S EYES!!
THAT— THAT'S ...
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THE ZONE!!

THAT'S NOT THE SAME KISHI-KAJIMA WE'VE BEEN FACING UNTIL NOW!!
BE CAREFUL, IRUKA!!
WHA- WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW?
KANAGAWA °12 - 4 AOMORI
IN THE MIDST OF THEIR BATTLES ARE 8 OF THE STRONGEST TEAMS THAT WON THEIR WAY THROUGH TO THIS ROUND!!
AND HERE AT THE MOMONNA CUP, THE BATTLES CONTINUE TO RAGE ON EVERY COURT!!
IN THE C AND D BLOCKS WE'VE GOT TOKYO'S 2 TEAMS PLAY-ING AGAINST OKAYAMA AND EHIME!!
KANAGAWA IS PLAYING AOMORI IN THE A BLOCK, AND MIE (A) IS PLAYING FUKUOKA IN THE B BLOCK!

IRUKA, THOSE WERE YOUR EYES!
IT WAS DURING THE KANAGAWA PRELIMINARY ROUNDS...
I ONCE SAW EYES JUST LIKE THOSE
WITH NO REGARD FOR THE DANGERS TO HER BODY, SHE MOVED LIKE A SUPERHUMAN BEING AND MADE OUR OPPONENTS SUFFER.
IT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH HER SPIRIT OR WILL POWER. WHEN IRUKA ENTERED THE ZONE, SHE WAS INVINCIBLE!

DON'T TELL ME...
IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE BUT THAT'S THE ONLY EXPLANATION
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AND THAT GIRL...
SHE CALLED A TIMEOUT AND WHEN IT WAS OVER, SHE WAS IN THE ZONE.
TO THINK THAT SHE ACHIEVED IT JUST LIKE THAT...
KAGURAZAKA CAN...

KAGURAZAKA CAN USE HER OWN WILL-POWER TO ENTER THE ZONE AT WILL!!

I KNOW... I CAN SEE EVERY-THING
THE WORLD
LOOKS FROZEN IN TIME
SHE'S GOING TO HIT IT!!
STAY BACK, IRUKA! I'LL STOP IT!!
AND ONCE AGAIN, AOMORI ATTACKS!!

NANASE IS COVERING THE OPENING TO ISHIHARA'S LEFT SIDE AS SHE BLOCKS.
SO THEN,
IF I HIT IT TO THE RIGHT, EVEN AT HER SPEED, NANASE WON'T BE ABLE TO MAKE IT IN TIME TO RECEIVE IT!
OU
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OFFICIAL

IT'S IN!!! SHE WAS ABLE TO ACCURATELY FIND A HOLE IN THAT BLOCK!!
SHIT, IT GOT THROUGH!!
IN AN INSTANT, SHE WAS ABLE TO FIND A WEAKNESS IN HER OPPONENT'S AND DIRECT THE BALL TO THAT SPOT
WHAT TREMENDOUS CONCENTRATION FROM KAORU KAZAKA!!
HIRO...YOU'RE A WOMAN SO EVEN IF YOU HAVE TALENT, YOU WON'T INHERIT OUR DOJO...
DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
HOWEVER, IF YOU WANT TO TEST YOURSELF IN THIS COMPETITIVE WORLD,
TRY TO REMEMBER THIS SECRET THAT I'M GOING TO TEACH YOU!
THE NAME OF IT IS–

TENGEN KYOURENJIN
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT GIRL!?
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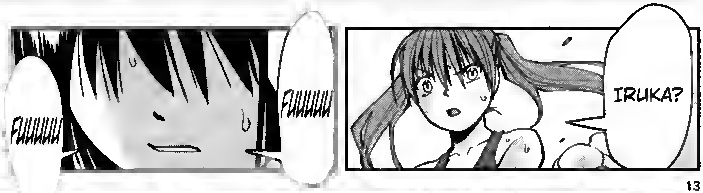
SO BECOME THE STRONGEST, HIRO!
IF YOU DO SO, WITH YOUR TREMENDOUS REFLEXES, YOU CAN BECOME THE STRONGEST PERSON.
ACCUMULATE AS MUCH ENERGY IN YOUR BODY AS YOU CAN, THEN LET IT EXPLODE FROM YOU ALL AT ONCE.

MAAH!
KANAGAWA'S GOT THE BALL IN A GOOD POSITION!!
IF WE CAN'T STOP HER SPIKES, WE NEED TO AT LEAST DO SOMETHING TO GET BACK THE POINTS THAT THEY'VE STOLEN!!
11
IT'S NO GOOD THEY'RE GETTING EVERY HIT
HOW DOES SHE KNOW WHERE THE BALL'S GOING?
SADLY, IT WAS BLOCKED!!
SO THAT'S HOW THEY WERE ABLE TO MAKE IT THIS FAR
THOUGH AT THIS PACE WILL THEY LAST UNTIL THE END OF THE MATCH!?

KAGURA-ZAKA'S ASSAULT HASN'T LET UP AT ALL!!
IRUKA!

FUUUUU
FUUUUU


FUUUUU
FUUUUU
IRUKA?

WITHDRAW TERASHIMA!

YOU CAN'T DEFEAT HAYAKAWA

HA! DON'T BE STUPID

B BLOCK
MIE (A) VS
FUKUOKA
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MIE (A) °4 - 3° FUKUOKA

YOU WON'T BE EFFECTIVE AGAINST THAT "ANGEL"
AFTER ALL, YOU'LL BE LIMITED IF YOUR ONLY WEAPON IS YOUR SERVE
I HAVE A WEAPON TO USE AGAINST THE "ANGEL"!!
HOWEVER, I HAVE SOME-THING!!
WHAT'D YOU SAY?
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WATCH AND I'LL SHOW YOU!
REGARDLESS OF HOW MUCH TALENT SHE HAS, THERE'S NO WAY SHE'LL BEAT ME WITH THAT BODY
SORRY TO TELL YOU, BUT THAT LITTLE SHRIMP'S NOT EVEN PART OF THE EQUA-TION
EVEN IF I WERE TO WITHDRAW, YOU MIGHT STILL LOSE IN THE NEXT ROUND, GEN-ZAKI
AOMORI ...? NO, YOU MEAN KANA-GAWA'S NANASE?
SO YOU SUPPORT HER, HM?

IT'S A REVENGE SPIKE!!
THIS IS FROM THE SENPAI WHO WERE BEATEN BY HAYAKAWA,
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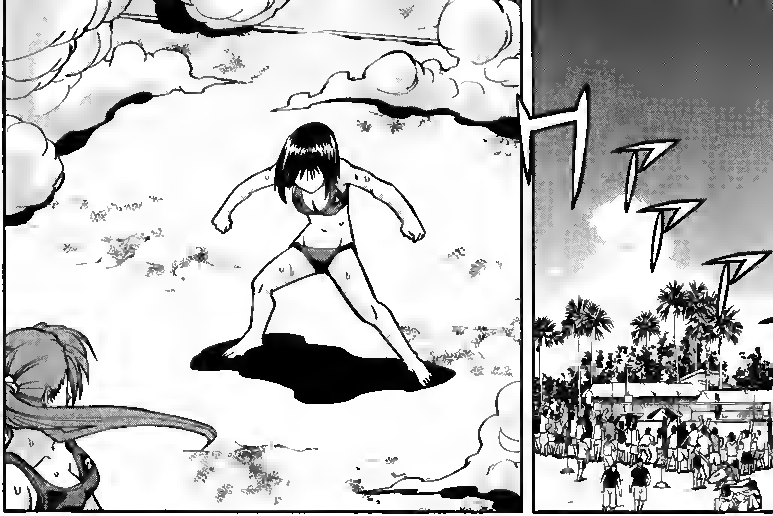
CRITICAL BURST!!

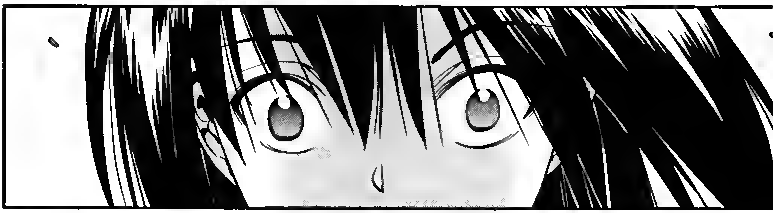
WHAT- WHAT KIND OF HIT IS THAT!?
!?
IT'S A ONE HIT BULLET- THE CRITICAL BURST!!
DID YOU SEE THAT?

I HIT THE BALL HARD WITHOUT SPIN SO IT ENCOUNTERS AIR RESISTANCE AND KEEPS THE BALL FROM HITTING TOP SPEED
THEN WITHOUT WARNING, JUST AS MY OPPONENT TRIES TO RECEIVE THE BALL, I HIT IT IN WITH A BURST OF POWER!!
HOW LONG DO YOU THINK YOU'LL BE ABLE TO TAKE A BALL LIKE THAT?
SHIT!
WITH THIS, I WILL TAKE REVENGE FOR MY SENPAI
I WON'T LET YOU OR THAT LITTLE KANAGAWA SHRIMP GET IN MY WAY
H!!
SHRIMP, SHRIMP, SHRIMP.... YOU'RE REALLY STARTING TO PISS ME OFF!!
GIVE IT UP! YOU'VE GOT NOTHING LEFT IN YOU!!

LEFT HANDED?

I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE STILL HAD ANOTHER TRICK!!
A SWITCH SPIKER!
IS THE ONE WHO KNOWS HER THAT'S ME, TERASHIMA
THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN REFER TO HER AS "SHRIMP SHRIMP SHRIMP"





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I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!! I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT IRUKA GOT PULLED INTO THE ZONE BY KAGURAZAKA!!
IRUKA... DON'T TELL ME YOU.
WHAT?

IT'S GOING UP, IRUKA!!
OK...
KOTOMI!! GET IT UP!!
Beach Atta
HSBVS
molt

IT'S NO GOOD!!
22
IT DIDN'T GET OVER THE NET ALL THE WAY!!
HOLD ON, IT'S OK!!
HOWEVER, THE BALL IS STILL ON KANAGAWA'S SIDE!!
AOMORI GOT IN POSITION TO BLOCK!!

THIS IS LIKE WATCHING ACROBATICS!!
WITHOUT EVEN RECEIVING THE BALL BETWEEN HITS SHE SPIKED AGAIN STRAIGHT AWAY!!
THIS - THIS IS AMAZING!!

A BATTLE BETWEEN TWO HUMANS WHO HAVE STRETCHED THEIR REFLEXES TO THE LIMITS!!
THIS IS THE ZONE...

A - AMAZING..

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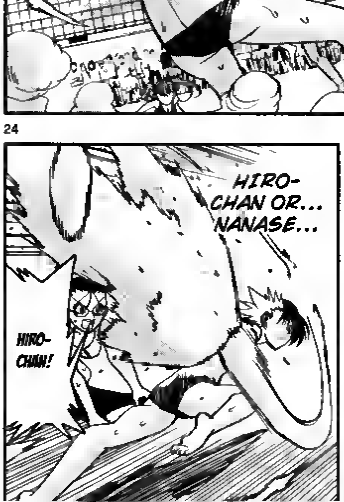
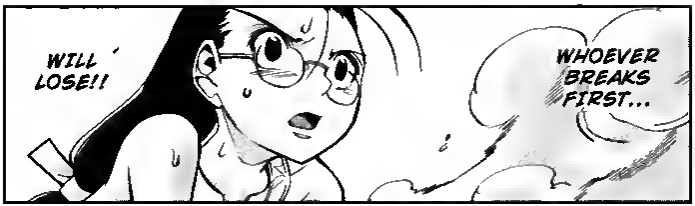
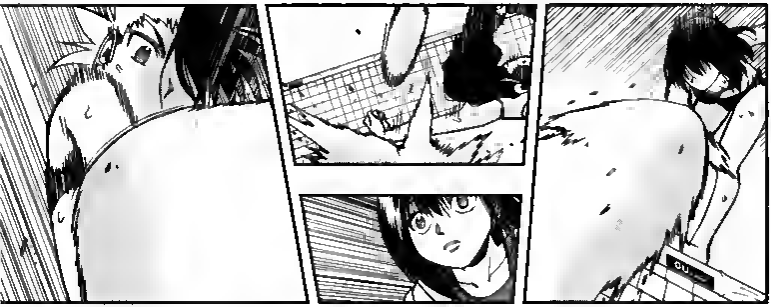
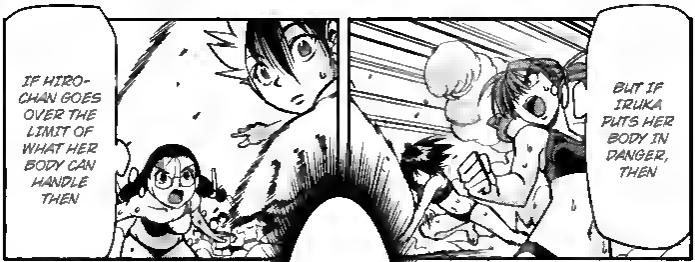

HIRO-CHAN OR... NANASE...
HIRO-CHAN!

BUT, NEITHER OF THEIR BODIES WILL HOLD OUT UNTIL THE END IF THEY KEEP GOING LIKE THIS!
IRUKA !!


WILL LOSE!!
WHOEVER BREAKS FIRST...




IF HIRO-CHAN GOES OVER THE LIMIT OF WHAT HER BODY CAN HANDLE THEN
BUT IF IRUKA PUTS HER BODY IN DANGER, THEN

THAT'S WHEN I'LL PUT A STOP TO IT!!

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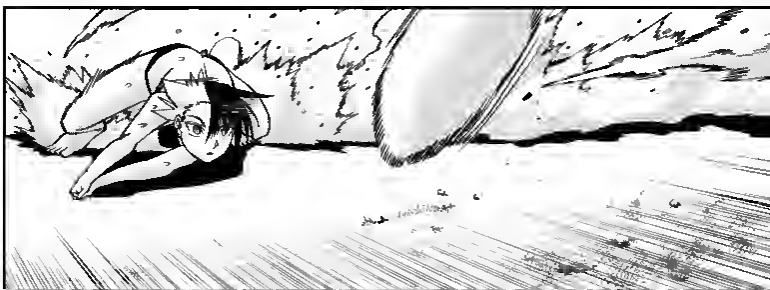

HIRO-CHAN, ATTACK QUICKLY!!
KAGU-RAZAKA RECEIVES THAT BALL SO EASILY IT'S AS IF SHE PRE-DICTED ITS PATH!!
THEY'RE ATTACKING AT A HIGH PACE!!
WE HAVE TO HURRY, OR...
HURRY...
IT'S A STRONG SPIKE!!

THE RECEIVED BALL IS WEAKLY RETURNED TO THE AOMORI COURT!! NANASE HAS FALLEN AND ISN'T MOVING!!
AOMORI TEAM HAS A CHANCE HERE!!
OH NO!!
WILL THIS END THE MATCH!?
HEY... YUKANA. TEACH ME HOW TO PLAY VOLLEYBALL.
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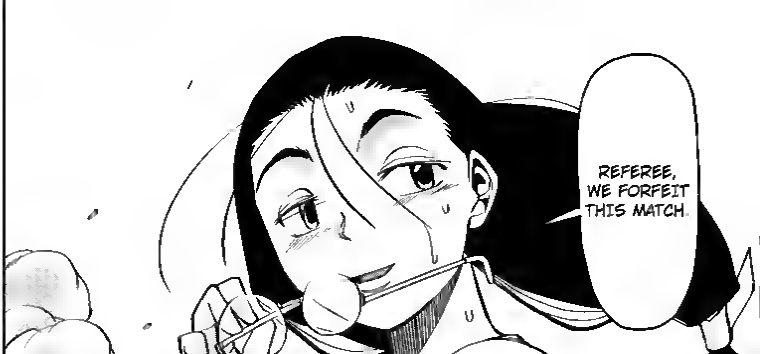
GO, HIRO-CHAN!!

HIRO-CHAN!!
KAGU-RAZAKA IS DOWN!!
WHAT HAP-PENED!?
THIS IS AS FAR AS WE GO...


REFEREE, WE FORFEIT THIS MATCH.

YES.
YOU FOR-FEIT? ARE YOU SURE?

THE KANA-GAWA TEAM IS DECLARED THE WINNER.
AOMORI IS UNABLE TO CONTINUE PLAY, AND AS SUCH,

AOMORI FORFEITED RESULTING IN A VICTORY FOR KANAGAWA!!
W WHAT AN UNEX-PECTED TURN OF EVENTS!!!

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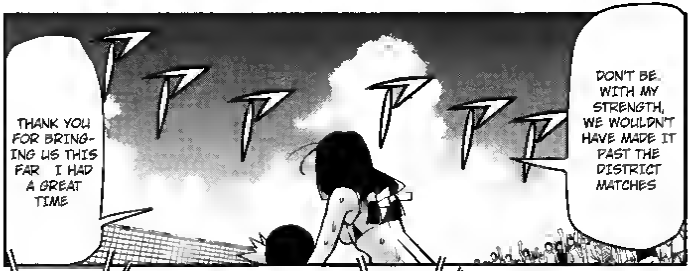
I'M SORRY
I GUESS I JUST COULDN'T LAST UNTIL THE END


DON'T BE. WITH MY STRENGTH, WE WOULDN'T HAVE MADE IT PAST THE DISTRICT MATCHES
THANK YOU FOR BRING-ING US THIS FAR I HAD A GREAT TIME

YUKANA, KAGU-RAZA-KA.
AND THE PLAYERS SHAKE HANDS!!
BOTH TEAMS FOUGHT HARD AND SHOWED US SOME-THING WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER!!

THIS JUST CAME IN. THE D BLOCK HAS JUST FINISHED THEIR MATCH AS WELL!
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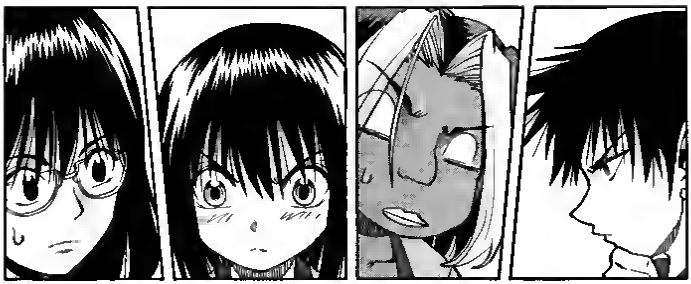
IN C BLOCK, TOKYO (A) TEAM HAS JUST CLAIMED VICTORY!!
AND IN D BLOCK, THE FU-KUOKA TEAM WINS!!

AND THE WINNING TEAM IS THE CURRENT FA-VORITE THE TOKYO (B) TEAM!!!
THAT WAS THE EHIME (B) VS TOKYO (B)

IT'S HAYAKAWA SANAE!!

CHAPTER 9
COLLISION!
THE BEST 4!!
The!! Beach Stars



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OH, REALLY?
WOAH. AS I EXPECTED, EVEN NANASE HAS GOTTEN SERIOUS NOW THAT SHE'S MADE IT INTO THE SEMI-FINALS.

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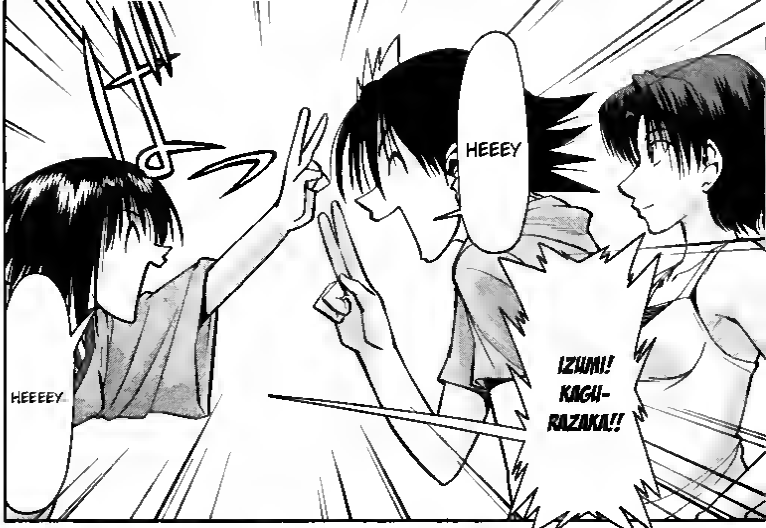
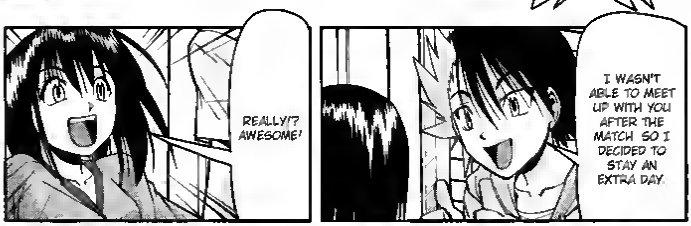
YOU WERE PLAYING A CARD GAME!?
WHO THE HELL IS IT!? WHO'S HOGGING THE 5 OF SPADES!!

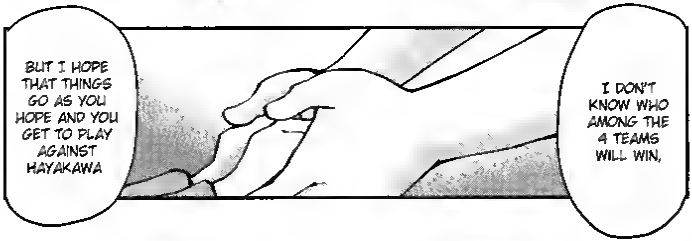
GWAAAH!! WE SHOULDN'T BE PLAYING CARDS AT A TIME LIKE THIS!!
HEY, NOW YOU'RE PLAYING DIRTY! YOU ONLY DID THAT BECAUSE YOU WERE GONNA LOSE!!

WHAT ARE THEY DOING..?
YO!

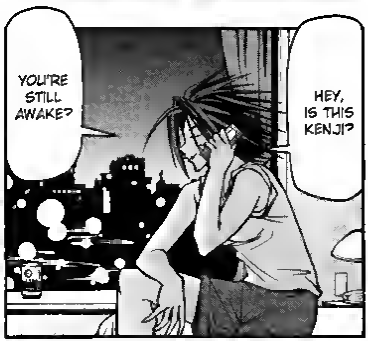

HEEEY
IZUMI! KAGURAZAKA!!
HEEEEY


I WASN'T ABLE TO MEET UP WITH YOU AFTER THE MATCH SO I DECIDED TO STAY AN EXTRA DAY.
REALLY!? AWESOME!

CONGRATULATIONS ON REACHING THE SEMI-FINALS
I WAS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE'D BEAT YOU IF WE ENDED UP PLAYING AGAINST EACH OTHER.
BUT SINCE WE'RE NOW ELIMINATED FROM THE TOURNAMENT...
THE TWO OF YOU WHO ARE STILL IN IT LOOK WONDERFUL TO ME...



*TL NOTE. NEE-CHAN = BIG SISTER, SO OBVIOUSLY KENJI IS HER YOUNGER BROTHER.



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HELLO TO THE 10 MILLION BEACH VOLLEYBALL FANS OF THE NATION!!
WE'VE KEPT YOU WAITING LONG ENOUGH!! IT'S THE FINAL DAY OF THE MAPONNA CUP!!
OH, WOW! WHAT AN INCREDIBLE COMMOTION!!
WE'VE INCREASED THE NUMBER OF TELEVISION CAMERAS USED IN TODAY'S BROADCAST!!
1

AND I AM THE COMMENTATOR, EVERYONE'S BELOVED TOKUNO RYOUKO
BOTH TV EHIME AND I, THE HOT-BLOODED ANNOUNCER TOSHIDAYAMA, ARE GEARED UP AND READY FOR TODAY'S MATCHES!!
THE FIRST GAME OF THE SEMI-FINALS IS UNUSUAL, AS IT'S A BATTLE BETWEEN THE 2 WINNERS OF LAST YEAR'S TOURNAMENT!!
THE FIRST ONES TO ENTER THE COURT ARE THE TOKYO (B) TEAM!
7
IT'S THE SILENT ANGEL HAYAKAWA SANAE!!
ACCOMPANYING HER IS A WOMAN WITH AMAZING DEFENSIVE SKILLS ONO KEIKA!!
HERE IS THE OTHER RULER OF THE COURT AND DEFENDING CHAMPION!!
AND PLAYING AGAINST THEM IS THE TOKYO (A) TEAM!
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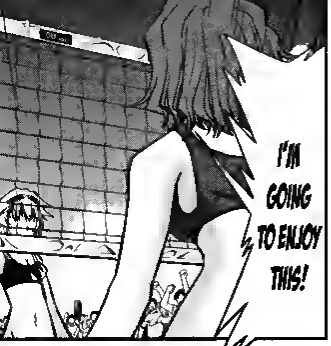
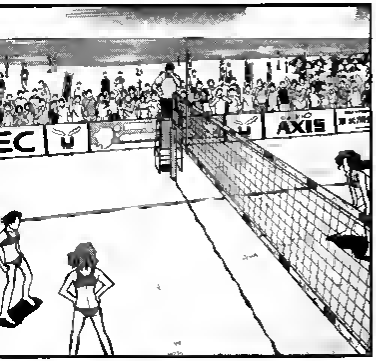
HAYAKAWA

THE GENIUS SPIKER, MIYAUCHI HARUKA!!
WITH HER IS HER NEW PARTNER, KITAGAMI YASUKO!!
ALTHOUGH MIYAUCHI AND HAYAKAWA WERE PARTNERS LAST YEAR, THEY FACE EACH OTHER THIS YEAR AS OPPONENTS!!
THEY KNOW EACH OTHER'S PLAYING STYLES WELL. THE QUESTION IS WHAT KIND OF BATTLE WILL THIS TURN OUT TO BE!?


I'M GOING TO ENJOY THIS!

IT'S THE DAY I CRUSH THE ANGEL WITH THESE 2 HANDS!!
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS DAY, SHIINE!!

I SEE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HMPH YOU'RE BORING, AS ALWAYS
THAT CALM FACE OF YOURS I'M GOING TO DE-STROY IT

IT'S FINALLY TIME FOR THE MATCH TO BEGIN!!

HAYAKAWA AND HER FORMER PARTNER

TOKYO
IT'S THE STINGER SHOT!!

NICELY CLEARED BY MIYAUCHI! SHE READ THAT SHOT PERFECTLY!!
ALPHA PATTERN !!
11
AS A CONSE-QUENCE, THE BALL WILL ALWAYS GO WHERE THE HOLE IS!!
THE STINGER SHOT IS DESIGNED TO BLAST INTO THE HOLES IN YOUR OPPONENT'S DEFENCE!!
IT DOESN'T MATTER
SAWAE !!
DID YOU KNOW, SAWAE? I'VE GOT A WEAPON, TOO!
MIYAUCHI-SAN!!
SO, HER TARGET IS ME IS IT?
TOKYO (A) TEAM TOSSES THE BALL UP THIS IS THEIR CHANCE TO ATTACK!!

HALBERD!!

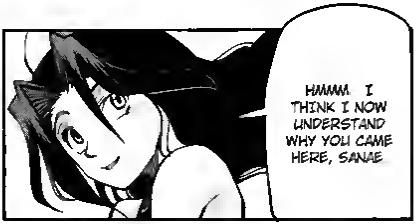
KYAAAH!

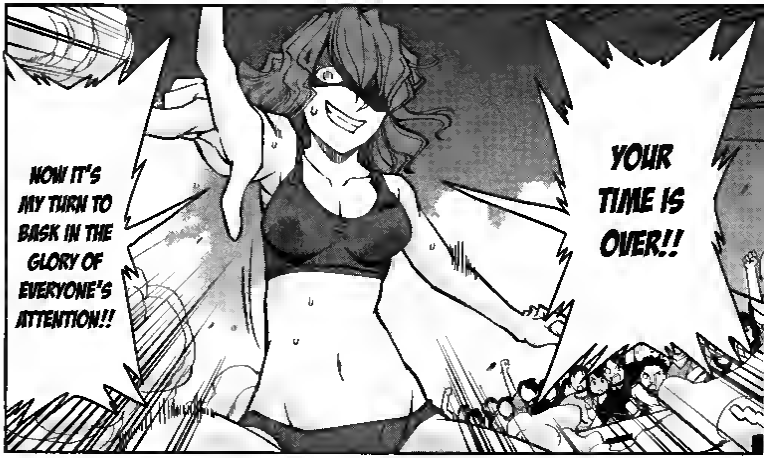
THAT WAS AN IMPRESSIVE SPIKE FROM MIYAUCHI!!
THE BALL CURVED SO STRONGLY THAT YOU COULD CLEARLY SEE IT'S TRAJECTORY!!
NEVERTHELESS THE WAY SHE HIT THAT BALL WAS AMAZING AND UNLIKE ANYTHING WE'VE SEEN BEFORE!!
13
WELL? THAT IS MY REAL WEAPON, CALLED THE HALBERD!!
THE HALBERD WAS AN AXE AND SPEAR TYPE WEAPON ESTABLISHED IN THE 16TH CENTURY!!
I'VE NAMED MY ATTACK AFTER THE HALBERD BECAUSE IT'S A STRONG COMBAT WEAPON THAT CAN BE USED IN MULTIPLE WAYS TO ATTACK.
A UNIQUE SPIKE LIKE THIS HIT WHILE BENDING THE WRIST,
CAN BE CONVERTED INTO A STRAIGHT SPIN OR KNUCKLE SPIKE BY CHANGING THE ANGLE AND POINT OF CONTACT WITH THE BALL. A VERY VERSATILE TECHNIQUE!!
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT STUPID ONE-TRICK PONY YOU CALL A STINGER! IT'S A REAL SPIKE THAT YOU CAN EASILY ADAPT TO SUIT BATTLE CONDITIONS!!
I'M CURIOUS TO SEE HOW LONG YOU CAN KEEP RETURNING IT!!

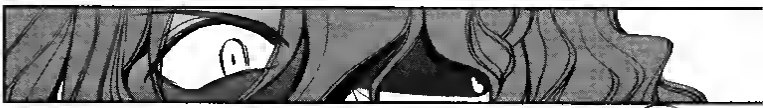
DELTA PATTERN!
THIS TIME IT'S HAYAKAWA WHO GOES IN FOR THE BALL!!
THERE IT IS, THE STINGER SHOT!!
HOWEVER, MIYAUCHI ONCE AGAIN READS THE SHOT PERFECTLY!!
I'LL KEEP DOING THIS UNTIL I DRIVE THAT WOMAN TO HER KNEES!!
DON'T MIND ME, JUST GET IT UP!!
GAH
MI-YAUCHI-SAN!!

THIS TIME IT'S AN EYE-OPENING STRAIGHT SHOT!!
YOU JUST CAN'T TELL WHAT KIND OF HIT TO EXPECT ONLY BY WATCHING HER FORM!!
THAT MIYAUCHI WOMAN IS CONSCIOUSLY RUNNING EVERYTHING AT HAYAKAWA!!
15
IT'S LIKE SHE'S POSSESSED BY THE GOOD FOR NOTHING!!
WELL? ARE YOU SURPRISED?
I KEPT THINKING ABOUT THE TIME WHEN YOU BETRAYED ME, AND I HID THIS...
IN OTHER WORDS, I KEPT THIS AS INSURANCE
PRETTY SMART, DON'T YOU THINK?

Hi!!


HMMM. I THINK I NOW UNDERSTAND WHY YOU CAME HERE, SANAE.


NOW IT'S MY TURN TO BASK IN THE GLORY OF EVERYONE'S ATTENTION!!
YOUR TIME IS OVER!!



IT'S GOING UP, SANAE!!

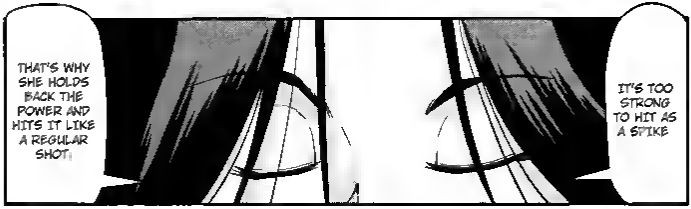
HOW STUPID
IF YOU WANT TO BASK IN GLORY BECOME A SINGER OR SOMETHING

THEN I'LL STOP HIDING AS WELL HARUKA
HID-ING?
WHAT COULD YOU POSSIBLY HAVE LEFT!?
HA HA!!
SO WHAT? IT'S JUST ANOTHER STINGER ...

IT'S IN! WHAT AN INCREDIBLY STRONG HIT!!
THAT WAS AN UNUSUALLY ROUGH SPIKE FROM HAYAKAWA!!
IT'S THE PHANTOM STINGER!!

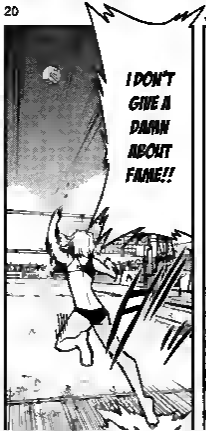
THAT'S THE TRUE, ORIGINAL STINGER
OH MY. I GUESS YOU DIDN'T KNOW

THE... PHANTOM... STINGER...?


THAT'S WHY SHE HOLDS BACK THE POWER AND HITS IT LIKE A REGULAR SHOT.
IT'S TOO STRONG TO HIT AS A SPIKE

NO WAY...

THAT'S THE TRUE STINGER...?


I DON'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT FAME!!

I WANT TO FEEL THE THRILL OF A FIERCE BATTLE!!

WHAT I WANT IS TO FEEL THE KIND OF EX-CITEMENT THAT MAKES MY HAIR STAND ON END!!

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AGAIN HAYAKAWA COMES IN WITH A STRONG SERVE!!

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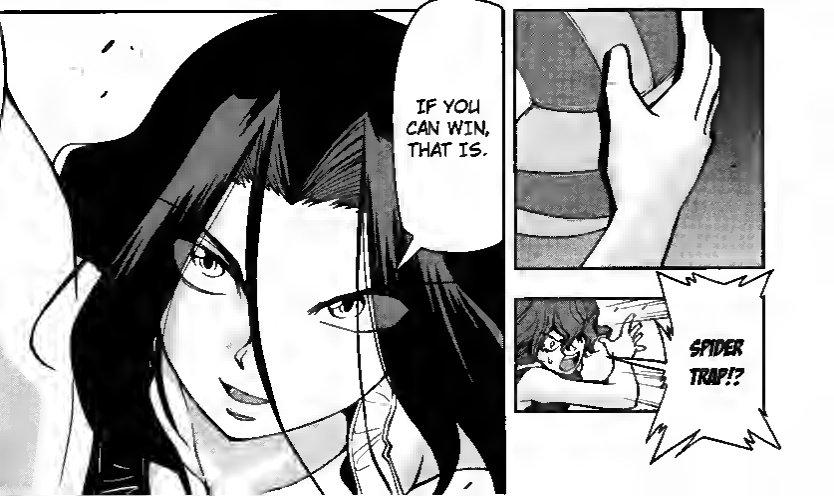
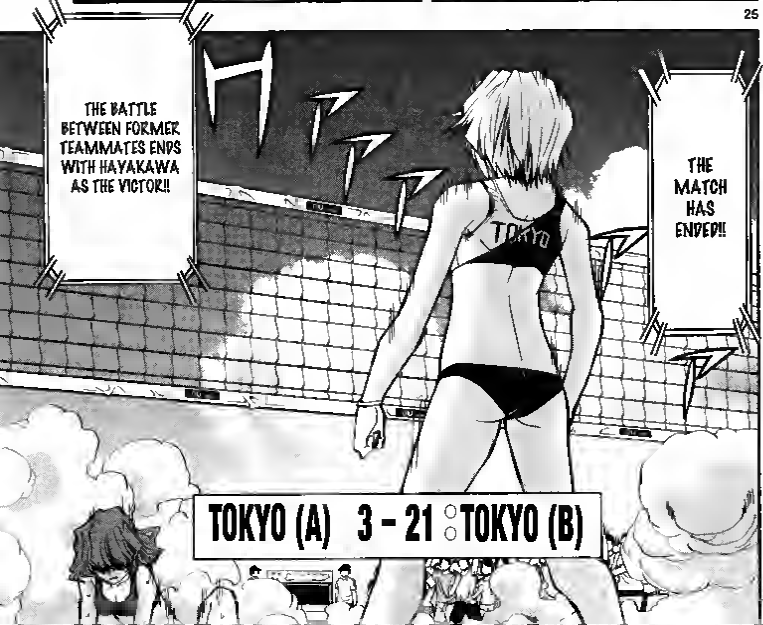
MIKASA
AMAZING! SHE GOT THAT!!
YEAH, BUT SHE COULDN'T CONTROL IT!!
THE RECEIVED BALL IS UP!!
MIYAUCHI WILL WANT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS CHANCE!!
THE THRILL OF A FIERCE BATTLE ...?

ARE YOU TRYING TO SOUND COOL? YOU MAKE ME WANT TO VOMIT!!
AS LONG AS YOU WIN, THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS!!


IF YOU CAN WIN, THAT IS.
SPIDER TRAP!?

SHIT!!
SANAE!
ONO STOPS THE BALL, AND SENDS IT UP!!
IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE MY TURN TO BE NUMBER ONE!!
KENSO YABU
SHIT! THIS IS MY TURN!!

THAT HAYAKAWA HAD BEEN IGNITED, AND SHE ATTACKED HER OPPONENT'S COURT AS IF SHE WERE A FIRE INTENT ON REDUCING EVERYTHING TO ASHES.
AT THIS POINT IN THE BATTLE, IT BECAME OBVIOUS TO ANYONE WATCHING THE MATCH


THE BATTLE BETWEEN FORMER TEAMMATES ENDS WITH HAYAKAWA AS THE VICTOR!!
THE MATCH HAS ENDED!!
TOKYO
TOKYO (A) 3 - 21 TOKYO (B)

THERE'S JUST ONE SPOT LEFT!! WILL IT BE FUKUOKA OR KANAGAWA!?
AND WITH THIS, WE'VE DETERMINED ONE OF OUR FINALISTS!!
IF WE PLAYED AGAIN, I'D DEFINITELY ...
SANAE, YOU WON THIS TIME BY ACCIDENT!!

NEXT TIME I'LL DEFINITELY ...
I SEE.

IT'S FINALLY HERE TIME FOR THE SEMI-FINALS!!
MAKE SURE YOU REMEMBER WHAT YOU LEARNED IN PRACTICE EVEN THOUGH I'VE FORGOTTEN IT ALL
YOUR NEXT OPPONENT IS FUKUOKA'S TERASHIMA
SHE'S A STRONG ONE
DO YOU KNOW HER?
JUST A LITTLE BIT
LET'S GO, IRUKA
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OK,
WE'RE GOING.
THE CROWD IS EXCITED AND IS GOING WILD!!
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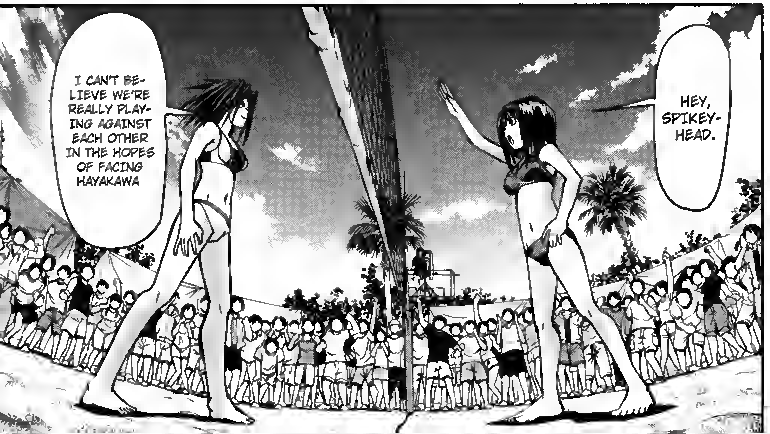
THIS IS THE LAST MATCH TO DETERMINE WHO WILL BE IN THE FINALS. THE PLAYERS ARE NOW ENTERING THE COURTS!

HERE ARE THE KANAGAWA PREFECTURE DELEGATES, NANASE AND ISHIHARA!!

THE FUKUOKA PREFECTURE DELEGATES TERASHIMA AND SUDOU!!
PLAYING AGAINST THEM ARE THE ONES CALLED "THE HAWKS OF KOKURA"!
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS!
YO, SHRIMP!


I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE REALLY PLAYING AGAINST EACH OTHER IN THE HOPES OF FACING HAYAKAWA
HEY, SPIKEY-HEAD.

WHEN WE MET AT HIRATSUKA, IT WAS YOU, ME AND REIKA PLAYING TOGETHER AGAINST A COMMON OPPONENT...
BUT NOW, IT SEEMS WEIRD TO THINK THAT WE HAVE TO FIGHT EACH OTHER
I WON'T HOLD BACK.
EVERYTHING COMES DOWN TO THIS SMALL BALL WITH A DIAMETER OF ONLY 66 CM...
BRING IT ON!
BOTH TEAMS ARE NOW READY FOR THE CHALLENGE OF THE SECOND SEMI-FINAL!

BRING IT ON, SPIKEY-HEAD!
HERE I GO, SHRIMP!
WE START THE MATCH WITH FUKUOKA SERVING!!

TWISTER BLADE!!!
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THAT'S THE TWISTER BLADE!?

CHAPTER 10
IF IT WASN'T YOU
That Beach Stare
AND RIGHT FROM THE START, WE HAVE AN EXTREMELY STRONG SERVE!!
TH—THIS IS..!!
IRUKA!!
KENZO 松山建設社

CHAPTER 10
IF IT WASN'T
YOU
The!! Beach Stars

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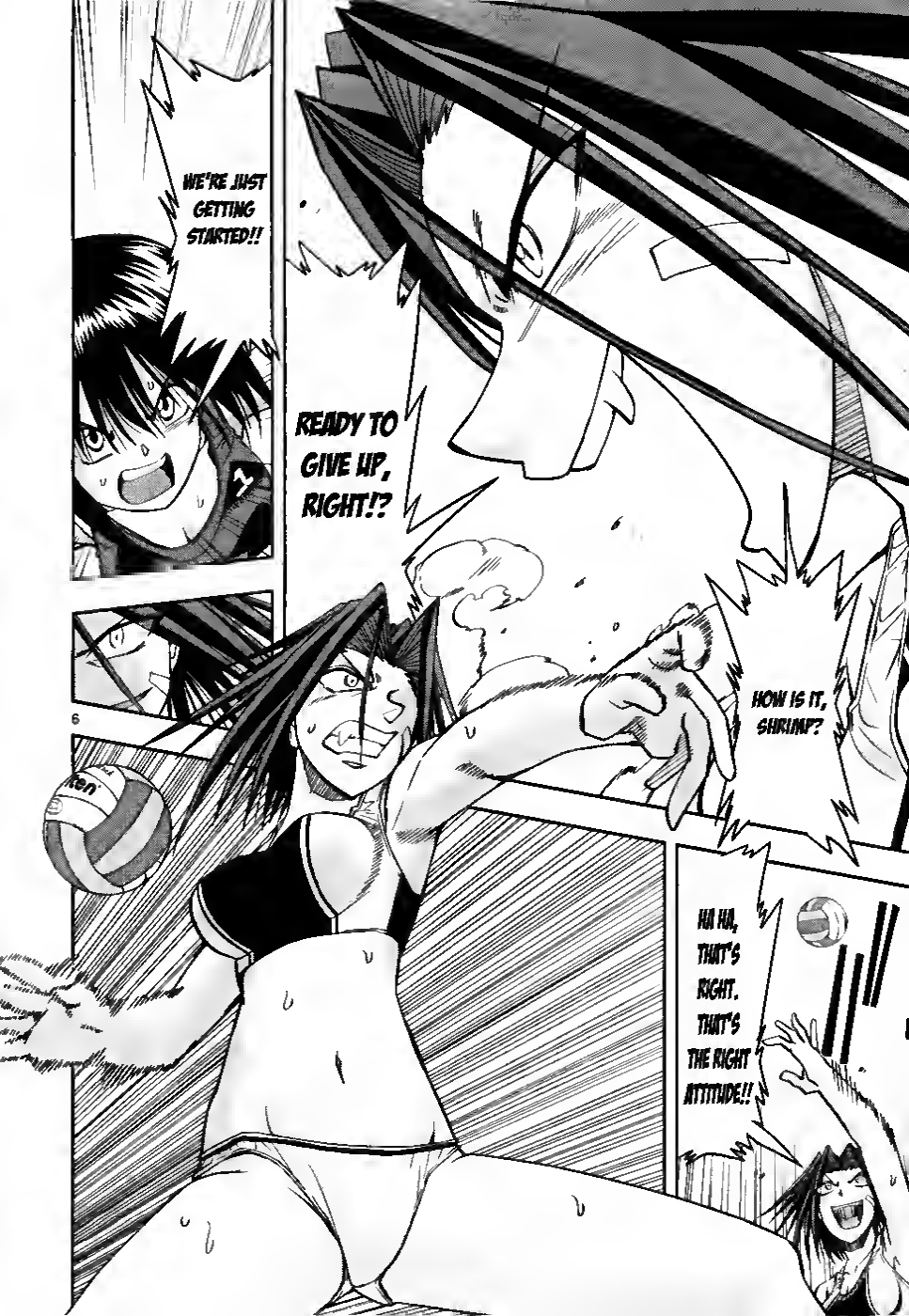
FUJII-SENSEI, OVER HERE!!
OH NO, IT'S STARTED ALREADY !!
IDIOTS!!
THIS IS AN IMPORTANT MATCH! I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU GOT US ON THE WRONG TRAIN!!
FUJII - THE FORMER ADVISOR OF THE VOLLEYBALL CLUB
YES, MA'AM!
GET MOVING!
WHY DID I GET CALLED OUT HERE TOO?
WHAT THE HELL
NOBUO – IKUKA'S SERVANT

OVER THERE! SOMETHING MAJOR'S GOING ON!!
OH, SHOOT!!

AND THERE IT IS, THE TWISTER BLADE!!
TERASHIMA AKIRA, THE HAWK OF KOGURA, IS LOOKING GOOD!!
SO THAT'S THE TWISTER BLADE.
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE EXPERIENCED IT.
THAT SERVE MAKES ME NERVOUS.
YOU CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO COMPARE IT WITH THE SERVES WE'VE SEEN UNTIL NOW.
5
WHA....
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT SERVE JUST NOW!?
WHY DOES THE BALL CURVE LIKE THAT!?
THAT SERVE IS FUKUOKA'S TRUMP CARD.
...YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME. THAT WOMAN WHO BEAT THE CRAP OUT OF ME ON THE SANDS OF HIRATSUKA IS NOW THEIR OPPONENT IN THE SEMI-FINALS?


WE'RE JUST GETTING STARTED!!
READY TO GIVE UP, RIGHT!?
HOW IS IT, SHRIMP?
HA HA, THAT'S RIGHT. THAT'S THE RIGHT ATTITUDE!!

TWISTER BLADE!!
HERE IT COMES AGAIN!
WATCH THE BALL CAREFULLY!!
THE WEATHER TODAY IS SUPPOSED TO BE GOOD
WIND?
BUT THE BREEZE COMING IN FROM THE OCEAN IS GETTING STRONGER...
IT'S THE WIND!?
IT'S NOT JUST THE SPIN ON THE BALL. SHE'S ACTUALLY MAKING THE BALL RIDE THE STRONG OCEAN WIND!!
THAT'S HOW SHE CAN MAKE THE BALL CURVE IN A WAY THAT DEFIES COMMON SENSE!!

THE TWISTER BLADE IS AMAZING!!
THEY'RE USING THAT CONSTANTLY-CHANGING HIT TO TOY WITH THE KANAGAWA TEAM!!

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KOTOMI! IT'S GOING OVER THERE!!
WHAT!?
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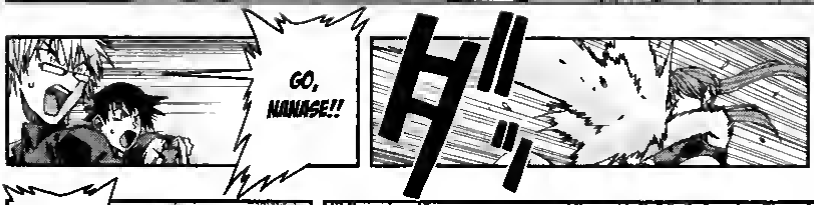
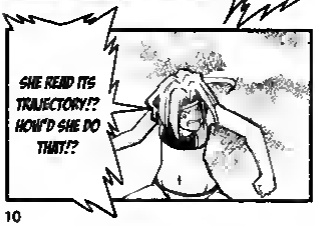
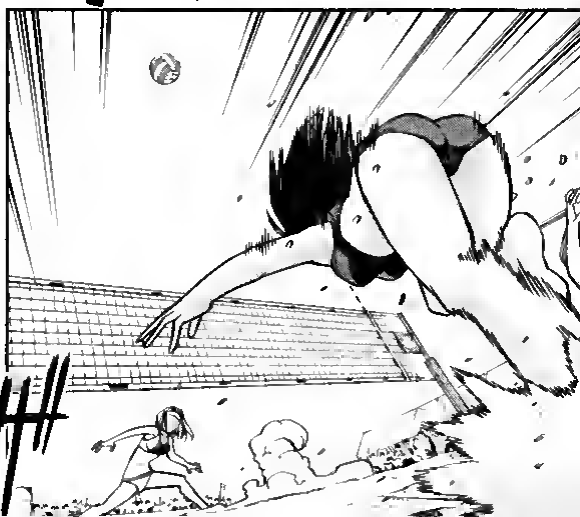
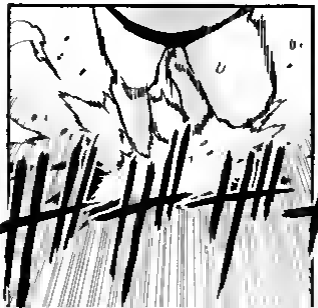
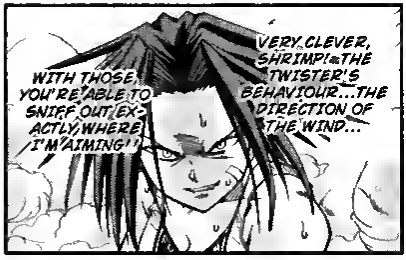

GO, NANASE!!


SHE READ ITS TRAJECTORY!? HOW'D SHE DO THAT!?





AND IT'S IN!! THEY'VE BROKEN THE TWISTER BLADE'S HOLD OVER THEM.
AND KANAGAWA FINALLY GO ON THE COUNTER-ATTACK!!


WITH THOSE, YOU'RE ABLE TO SNIFF OUT EXACTLY WHERE I'M AIMING'!
VERY CLEVER, SHRIMP! THE TWISTER'S BEHAVIOUR...THE DIRECTION OF THE WIND...

SHIT... THEY GOT US!!

SHE'S JUST THAT KIND OF PERSON!
I'M NOT IMAGINING IT...

KOTOMI, TO THE FRONT!!
OK!!

AS EXPECTED OF THE SEMI-FINALS, NEITHER TEAM IS HOLDING BACK IN THIS ALL-OUT BATTLE!!

HERE'S TERASHIMA WITH A SPIKE!
HOWEVER, SHE HITS RIGHT INTO A BLOCK!!

THEY'RE EQUALLY MATCHED IN SKILL!! THE MATCH IS BALANCED BUT CONTINUES TO MOVE FORWARD!

AKIRA, THEY'RE READING OUR ATTACKS!!
SHIT... I CAN'T SPIKE THE BALL IN!
THE BALL GOES BACK TO FUKUSHIMA'S SIDE!!
I KNOW THAT ALREADY! I'M GOING AGAIN!!
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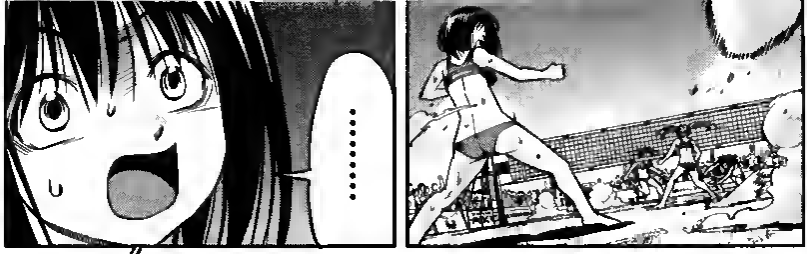
KOTOMI, GO TO THE LEFT!!
HERE I GO!!
ISHIHARA MOVES TO THE FRONT AND MAKES HER PRESENCE KNOWN!!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TERASHIMA MOVES IN WITH AN INCREDIBLE MOVE AND PUTS A STOP TO IT!!
KANAGAWA 5 - 7 FUKUOKA
NOW THAT WE'VE ENTERED THE THIRD SET, AND JUST WHEN KANAGAWA WAS ABOUT TO REGAIN SOME CONTROL..

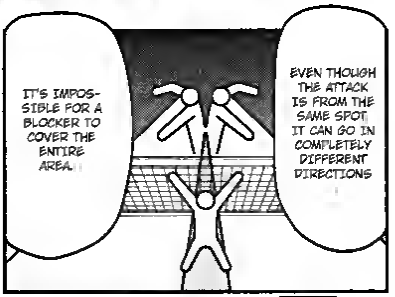
I WAS TRYING TO HIDE IT FROM HAYAKAWA.
I USED IT AGAIN..!
GASP!!

THAT SPIKEY-HEAD DOESN'T JUST SPIKE WITH HER RIGHT HAND. SHE CAN SPIKE JUST AS STRONGLY USING HER LEFT!!
THAT WASN'T A WEAK, FORCED HIT EITHER. THAT WAS THE REAL THING!!
LEFT-HANDED!?
SHE SPIKED THAT WITH HER LEFT HAND!?

SHE'S A SWITCH SPIKER!!

HER SECRET, THE LEFT-HANDED SPIKE!
THAT'S RIGHT. THAT'S ALSO ONE OF TERASHIMA AKIRA'S TRUMP CARDS..

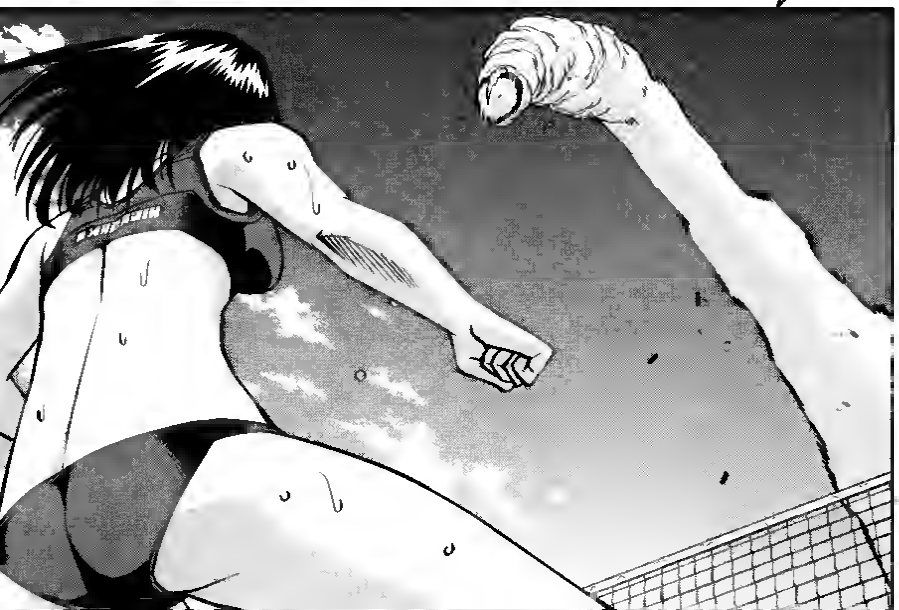
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT SHE'S A SWITCH SPIKER AT HER AGE. THERE AREN'T EVEN MANY PROFESSIONALS WHO CAN DO IT!
SHE'S ABLE TO HIT STRONG SPIKES USING EITHER HAND!!


IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR A BLOCKER TO COVER THE ENTIRE AREA.
EVEN THOUGH THE ATTACK IS FROM THE SAME SPOT, IT CAN GO IN COMPLETELY DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS

WHEN BATTLING AT THE NET, THAT ATTACK WILL DOMINATE WITHOUT FAIL.!!

NOW THAT IT'S COME TO THIS, I WON'T HOLD BACK, SHRIMP!
THERE'S NO USE HIDING IT AT THIS POINT!
I'M GOING TO FINISH YOU OFF RIGHT NOW!!

TERASHIMA USES ALL OF HER STRENGTH TO HIT A TERRIFYING SERVE!!
BRING IT ON, SPIKEY-HEAD!!
AAAAAAH!



IS THAT SERVE GOING TO CLEAR!?
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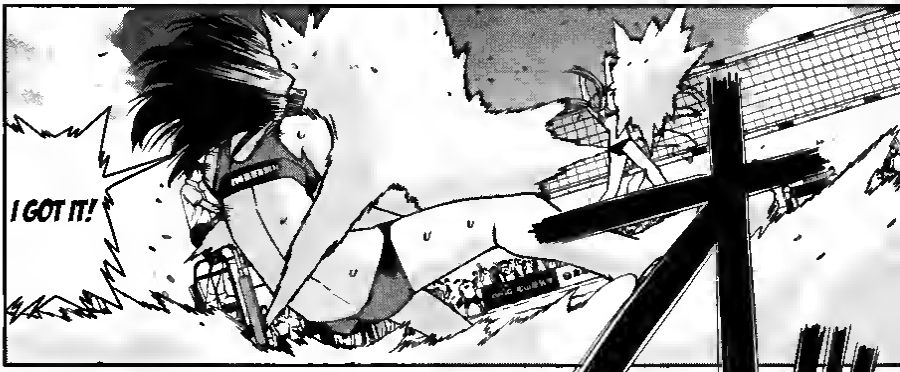
THERE !!
THE CLEARED BALL HEADS TOWARD THE NET!!
AMAZING! THIS TIME THE SERVE WAS HIT HIGH!!
THE BALL CAME DIRECTLY ONTO NANASE!!

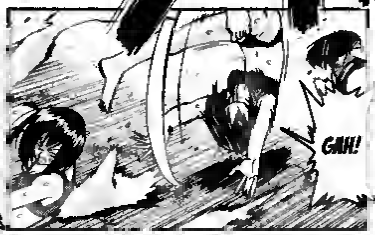
NOW FUKUOKA COUNTER-ATTACKS!!
THAT WAS GREAT!! NICE SAVE!!
I'M GONNA HIT THIS ONE HARD!!
HELL, YEAH!
21
IT'S COMING!!
BRING IT ON!!
I'LL TRY TO HIT IT, TOO!!
I'LL BLOCK IT, SO BACK ME UP!!
IRUKA, AT THIS POINT, ALL WE CAN DO IS TO TRY CONSTRICTING THAT SPIKE'S RANGE!!

TO THE RIGHT!
TAKE THAT!!


I GOT IT!

AAAAAAAH!!

HERE WE GO, IKUKA!!


GAH!

I THINK NANASE'S CARRYING A HEAVY BURDEN, HAVING TO DEAL WITH THE DIFFICULT TRAJECTORY OF THAT BALL...
BUT THE QUESTION IS, WILL SHE MAKE IT UNTIL THE END...?

IS... IS THIS REALLY A MATCH BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!?

I CAN GO LEFT OR RIGHT. I'VE GOT 2 CARDS TO PLAY IN MY HAND!!
YOU CAN'T WIN THIS. GIVE IT UP...
BUT THEY'RE AT THE POINT WHERE WILLPOWER IS THE ONLY THING KEEPING THEM STANDING!! THEY'RE AT THEIR LIMIT JUST ABOUT!!
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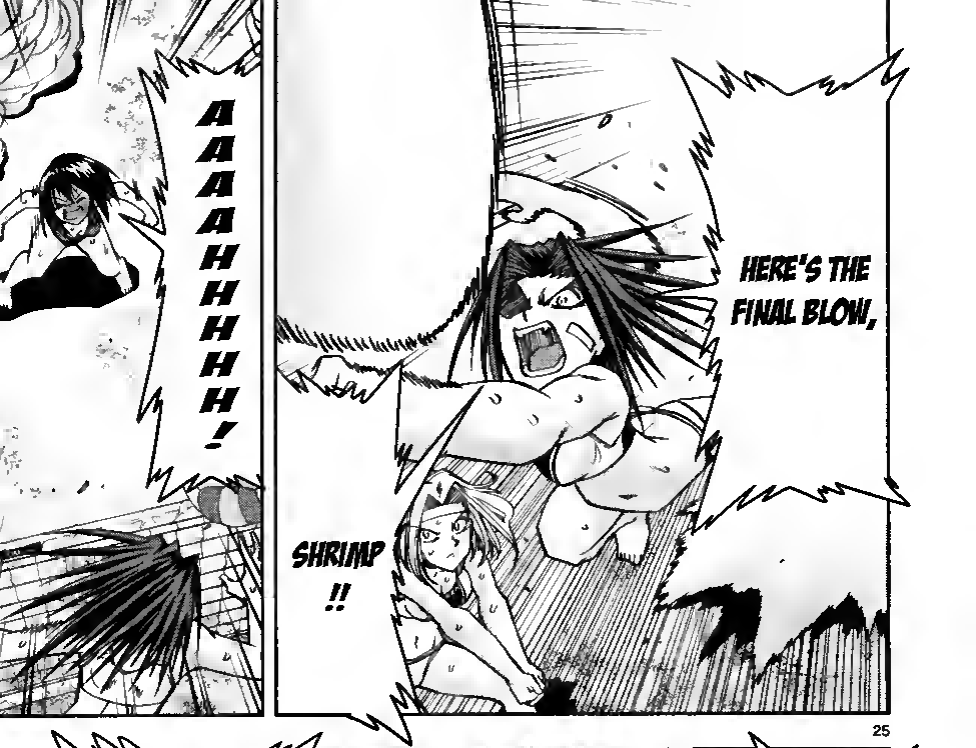
KANAGAWA ARE BARELY MANAGING TO PROTECT THEIR LEAD.
NOW, FUKUOKA! CRUSH THEM!!
GO GET THEM!!
DON'T LOSE, KANAGAWA!!

I'M DEFINITELY GOING TO WIN!!
TENACITY WILL BE THE DETERMINING FACTOR IN THIS MATCH IRUKA
.... WIN ....


AAAAHHHHH!
HERE'S THE FINAL BLOW,
SHRIMP !!

YOU SAY YOU'VE GOT 2 CARDS TO PLAY IN THIS HAND!?
SPIKEY-HEAD!!
WHA ...?
TH— THIS IS..!!
NANASE RUNS TOWARD THE NET!!

I'M GONNA DO THIS!!
AAAAHHHHHH!!
KANAGAWA FORGETS ABOUT RECEIVING THE BALL AND INSTEAD THEY BOTH MOVE IN TO BLOCK!!
BOTH SIDES PUT THEIR PRIDE ON THE LINE AND CLASH TOGETHER!!
THEN WE'LL JUST HAVE TO USE 2 BLOCKS AGAINST THEM!!

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AFTER WINNING THIS THIRD SET, KANAGAWA CLAIMS VICTORY!!
THE MATCH IS OVER!!

AFTER TAKING THE THIRD SET, IT'S KANAGAWA WHO EMERGE AS THE VICTORS!!

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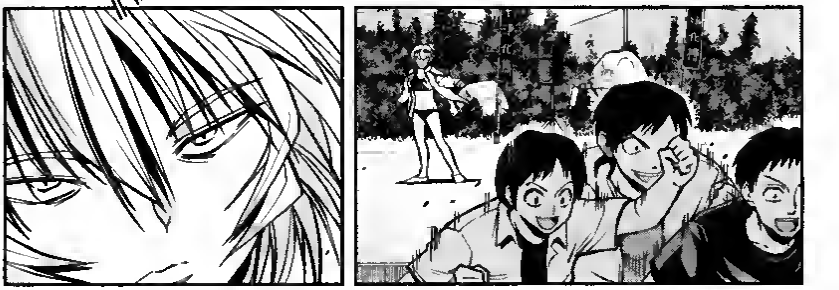

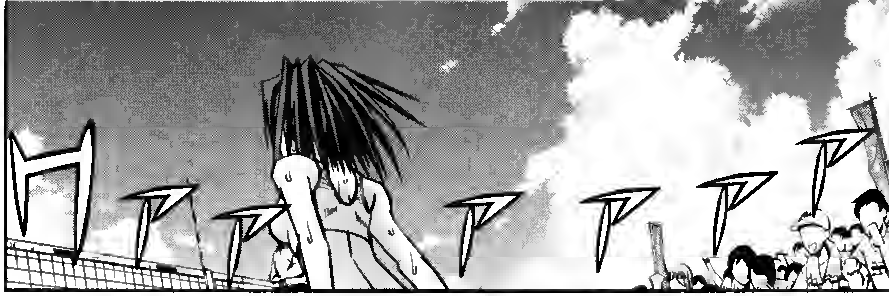
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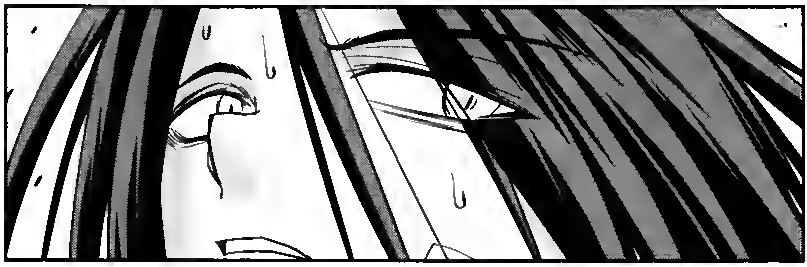
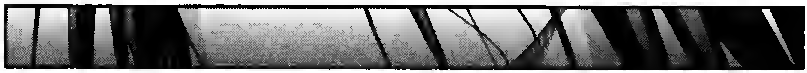
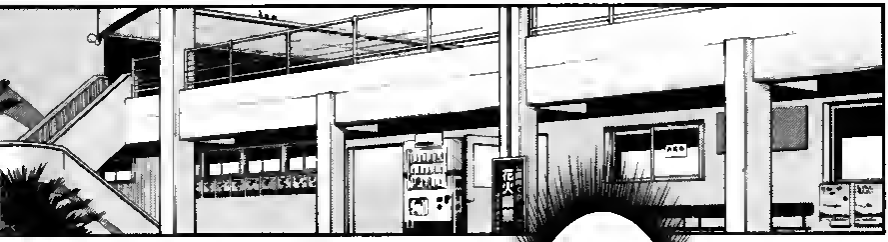




WHAT!?
SINCE I AKIRA-SAMA, AM NOT IN THE FINALS, HAYAKAWA IS GUARANTEED TO WIN THE TOURNAMENT!
A HA HA! I'M JOKING!!
IT'S JUST NOT POS-SIBLE TO HATE YOU
I'LL DO MY BEST!!
ALL RIGHT! DON'T YOU DARE LOSE!
SEE YA AROUND!

THE FINAL MATCH WILL BE TOKYO (B) VS KANAGAWA!!
MAN, WE LOST.
I'M GONNA TAKE A SHOWER



SHRIMP ..WHY DID I HAVE TO MEET YOU BACK THEN...?

IF YOU WERE JUST SOME OPPONENT I DIDN'T KNOW ...
OR IF I COULD HAVE LEARNED TO HATE YOU...

THEN I WONDER HOW MUCH EASIER THIS LOSS WOULD HAVE BEEN TO SWAL-LOW...!?
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CHAPTER 11
YOU'RE THE SAME

THE FINALS WILL BE STARTING SHORTLY!
TO OUR SPECTATORS: PLEASE WAIT JUST A FEW MORE MOMENTS!

3
I KEPT CHASING AFTER HAYAKAWA AND NOW I'VE ENDED UP HERE AT THE FINALS ...

FOR SOME REASON IT HASN'T HIT ME YET.
I WONDER IF THAT'S OK....
IDIOT

I EXPECTED YOU TO BE FEELING LAZY BEFORE THE FINALS SO I CAME TO GIVE YOU A STERN TALKING-TO!
FUJII WAS REALLY, REALLY WORRIED ABOUT YOU!
FU— FUJII SENSEI!!
EVERY-ONE!!

NANASE, I WANTED TO SHOW THE SCHOOL... NO. I WANTED TO SHOW EVERYONE THE REALITY OF VOLLEYBALL
KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT!!
THE TRUTH IS WE WERE SUPPOSED TO BE HERE THIS MORNING, BUT WE GOT ON THE WRONG TRAIN, AND THEN -
SO NOW, AT LEAST LET ME CHEER YOU ON, PLEASE
SENSEI
BUT THE REALITY IS WHEN THE VOLLEYBALL CLUB WAS SHUT DOWN, I ENDED UP PUTTING YOU THROUGH A LOT OF PAIN INSTEAD
GO OUT THERE AND GET THEM.
ALL OF US HAVE GOT YOUR BACK.
I WILL!!

DO YOUR BEST, BOSS.
WE'LL BE CHEERING YOU ON WITH EVERYTHING WE'VE GOT!
GO GET THEM!!

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR MATCH.
HEY, SHORTY!

FIGHT!!
OWW-WWW...
WE-WE'RE HERE TOO!!

SENPAI, EVERYONE'S WITH YOU!!
GO AHEAD AND BECOME A STAR BEFORE ME, OK?
TAKKY
GO WILD AND HAVE
AS MUCH FUN AS YOU WANT.

RIN?
KOTOMI ...

I LEAVE IRUKA TO YOU... PLEASE TAKE CARE OF HER.
LEAVE IT TO ME.
I'M AN ACE THAT MOVES AT THE SPEED OF SOUND!

WE'RE GOING, EVERY-ONE!!

I SUPPOSE WE SHOULD GO NOW, SANAE.
TOKI

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE, ALL OF YOU BEACH VOLLEYBALL FANS!! IT'S TIME FOR THE NATIONAL COMPETITION FINALS!!
I FINALLY CAUGHT UP TO YOU!!
HAYAKA-WA!!

NEC
SO, YOU MADE IT. I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.
YOU TREATED ME LIKE AN IDIOT AT ODAIBA! I'LL SHOW YOU JUST HOW STRONG I AM!!
I LOOK FORWARD TO IT...
THINGS HAVE REALLY HEATED UP ON THE COURTS HERE AND THE EXCITEMENT HAS COME TO A HEAD!

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NOW, IT'S TIME FOR THE FINALS!!
THESE 2 GROUPS HAVE FOUGHT THEIR WAY TO THE TOP BY DEFEATING THE OTHER NATIONAL BEACH STARS!!

HWOOOOOOH!!
MIKASA

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KANAZAWA SERVES AND STARTS OFF WITH ALL HER STRENGTH!!!

WOAH!
14
KASA
HAYAKAWA CLEARS IT!! THIS PUTS THEM IN A GOOD POSITION!!
SHE GOT IT EASILY!!

HERE COMES THEIR ATTACK!!
GO WITH ALPHA FORMATION!
I'LL BLOCK!! BACK ME UP!
WHAT'S THAT?
HAYAKAWA IS JUST WATCHING THE BALL... WHAT IS SHE DOING...!?

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WHAT!?
SHE'S... FAST!!
HAYAKAWA'S ABLE TO MOVE THAT FAST!?
SHE'S ON SAND, BUT RUNS LIKE SHE'S ON A FIELD!!
HER RUNNING AGILITY IS AMAZ-ING!!

NO, SHE'S FASTER!!
M
HER BODY SIZE IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM IRUKA'S, BUT HER SPEED MATCHES IRUKA'S MAXIMUM SPEED...
17
STINGER SHOT!!

IRUKA!!
SHE HITS WITH PRECISION, LIKE A PERFECT MA-CHINE!!
WITH JUST ONE SHOT!?
IT - IT KNOCKED THE BOSS DOWN!!

HAYAKAWA SANAE
THAT IS

THE SILENT ANGEL!!

THIS TIME IT'S TOKYO WITH A STRONG SERVE!!
NANASE DIVES IN TO RECEIVE IT!!
Daiki
WOW! IRUKA'S NOT TOO BAD.
I'LL USE MY QUICK SPIKE TO END THIS!!
19
FU FU THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK.
NOW!
AIM FOR THE EDGE OF THE SIDELINE!!
WOOOOOH!

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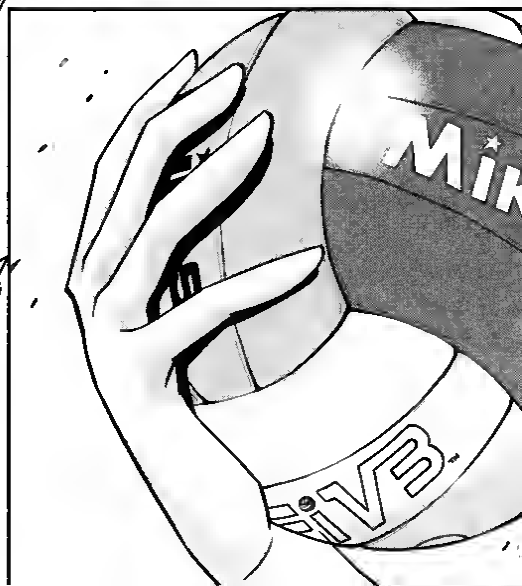
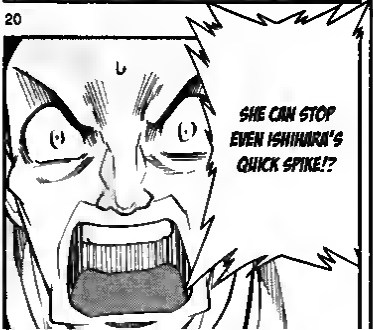
KANA-GAWA WAS STOPPED BY ONE HAND!!
SPIDER TRAP!!




SHE CAN STOP EVEN ISHIHARA'S QUICK SPIKE!?

ONO BLOCKS! THE BEST OF THIS COMPETITION SHOULD NOT BE UNDERESTIMATED!!
WHAT'S WITH THAT HAND!?
AS SOON AS THE HAND COMES IN CONTACT WITH THE BALL, IT'S DRAWN BACK SLIGHTLY, ABSORBING THE STRENGTH OF THE BALL AND BLOCKING IT
THE SPIDER TRAP
21
ONO RETURNS THE BALL SHE JUST STOPPED!!

HAYAKA-WA IS ...
HAYAKAWA IS RIGHT HERE, BUT I CAN'T REACH HER!!
DON'T PULL BACK!!
YOU NEED TO KEEP PRESSING FORWARD!
KANAGAWA CLEARS THE SERVE!!
WILL THEY SCORE THIS TIME!?
I'M SET-TING IT, IRUKA!!

HIT IT WITH ALL YOU'VE GOT!!
NEC

AND SHE USES THE SPIDER TRAP!! THEY CAN'T GET A SINGLE ATTACK THROUGH!!!
SHIT!! EVEN THIS ISN'T WORKING!!
EVEN THOUGH IT'S YOU, REIKA-SAN,
BRING HAYAKAWA OUT!!
JUST STAY OUT OF MY WAY!!
NANASE WAS ABLE TO RETURN THE BALL!!
KYAH!
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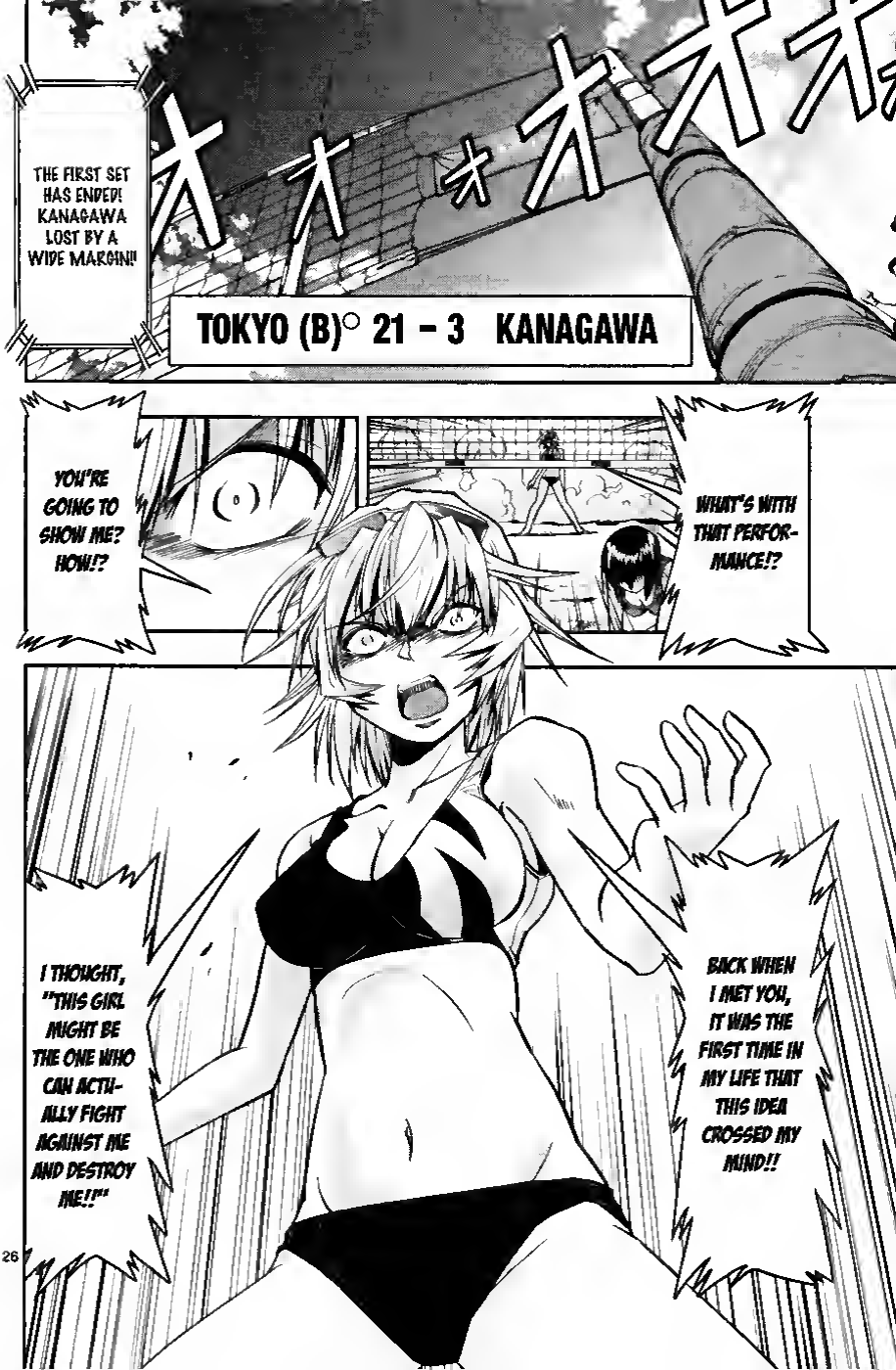
HAYAKA-WA!!
MORE! I WANT YOU TO BURN EVEN MORE!!
MIKASA
Beach Champ
VLS200
BWAH!!

IRUKA !!
SENPAI !!
WHAT TERRIFYING DEFENSE!! WHAT TERRIFYING SPIRIT!!
EVEN RELENTLESS ATTACKS WILL NOT SHAKE THE TOKYO (B) TEAM!!!
25
THERE'S NO WAY THEY CAN WIN
S...SERIOUSLY? HAYAKAWA IS THAT STRONG!?
WE CAN'T HANDLE THEM!!
GAH...
IF IRUKA CAN'T WIN THEN THERE SIMPLY AREN'T ANY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS THAT CAN TAKE DOWN HAYAKAWA SAWAE ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL.
AND THE OVERWHELMING DESTRUCTIVE STRENGTH OF THEIR ATTACKS...
THE IMPENETRABLE FORTRESS OF THE SPIDER TRAP THAT SABOTAGES US...


THE FIRST SET HAS ENDED! KANAGAWA LOST BY A WIDE MARGIN!!
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TOKYO (B)○ 21 - 3 KANAGAWA
YOU'RE GOING TO SHOW ME? HOW!?
WHAT'S WITH THAT PERFORMANCE!?
I THOUGHT, "THIS GIRL MIGHT BE THE ONE WHO CAN ACTUALLY FIGHT AGAINST ME AND DESTROY ME!!"
BACK WHEN I MET YOU, IT WAS THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE THAT THIS IDEA CROSSED MY MIND!!

THIS PERFECTION, AS IF MY SOUL IS ON FIRE - THIS IS ALL THAT I WISH FOR!!
I DON'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT THIS MATCH!!
SO DON'T DISAPPOINT ME
I THOUGHT YOU WERE THE SAME.

DAIKI
LET'S DO THE HANG FORMATION
KOTOMI, LEND ME YOUR STRENGTH

YOU'RE GOING TO USE THAT!?
...!! NO WAY ...!!
HANG ...

IT'S HER...
I WANT TO TAKE DOWN THE SILENT ANGEL
IRUKA
IT'S FINE, KOTOMI
I JUST REMEMBERED I DIDN'T COME THIS FAR JUST BECAUSE I WANTED TO WIN
IT'S A LONG RANGE ATTACK THAT WORKS OUTSIDE OF THE SPIDER TRAP'S EFFECTIVE RANGE
IT INVOLVES FIRING A SPIKE OVER A VERY LONG DISTANCE
IT'S TRUE THAT IT'S A LAST RESORT TO GET PAST THAT SPIDER TRAP COUNTER.
BUT TO USE IT SO SOON IRUKA, I DON'T KNOW IF YOUR BODY WILL HOLD UP...

WITH THIS ONE KILLER HIT, THE BACK HANGER!

WE'RE STARTING THE 2ND SET OF THE MADONNA CUP FINALS AND THE KANAGAWA TEAM IS TRAILING BEHIND THE LEADING TOKYO TEAM!!
IT'S INTERESTING THAT SANAE GOT SO EMOTIONAL
WE BEGIN WITH ONO'S SERVE!!

YEAH, YOU CAN ALMOST FEEL THE ELECTRICITY IN THE AIR.
Good job
DOES IT FEEL LIKE THE WHOLE COURT AREA IS CHARGED UP?
GO, IRUKA!
NOW HOW WILL THEY ATTACK..!?
NATURALLY, NANASE CLEARS THAT SERVE!!
HOLD ON, WHAT IS SHE DOING!?
SHE'S RUNNING IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION OF THE NET!
WH - WHAT!? WHAT'S SHE DOING!?
B - BOSS!?

HERE I GOOOOO
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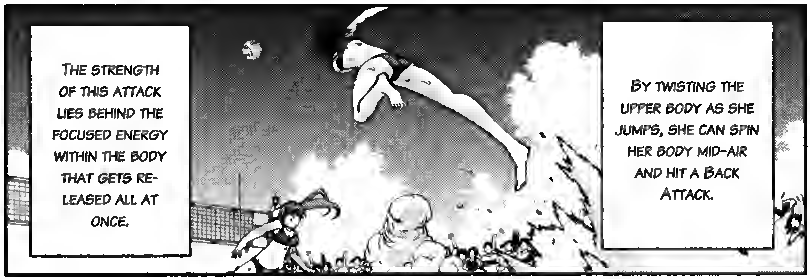
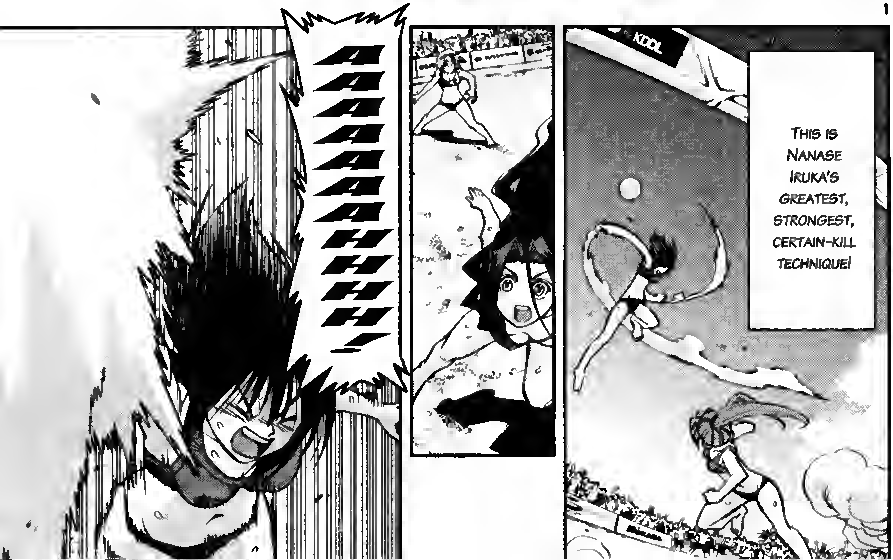
IT SEEMS LIKE KANAGAWA IS PLANNING SOMETHING UNBELIEV-ABLE!!

Known as...the Back Hanger
Hang Back for Attack...
FINAL CHAPTER
NOW IS THE TIME –
IT'S THAT TIME!


The strength of this attack lies behind the focused energy within the body that gets released all at once.
By twisting the upper body as she jumps, she can spin her body mid-air and hit a Back Attack.


AAAAAAAHHHH!
KICK!
This is Nanase Iruka's greatest, strongest, certain-kill technique!

FINAL CHAPTER
NOW IS THE TIME –
IT'S THAT TIME!
That Beach Start
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WHAT!!?
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IT'S A BACK ATTACK- A LONG-DISTANCE SHOT!!
FROM THE REMOTE HALF OF THE COURT...SO IT'S OUTSIDE THE RANGE OF THE SPIDER TRAP.
GO AHEAD AND TRY TO GET IT,
HAYAKA- WAAAAAA !!
IF THIS DOESN'T WORK, THEN WE DON'T HAVE ANY-THING ELSE LEFT!!
WE'RE BETTING IT ALL ON THIS!
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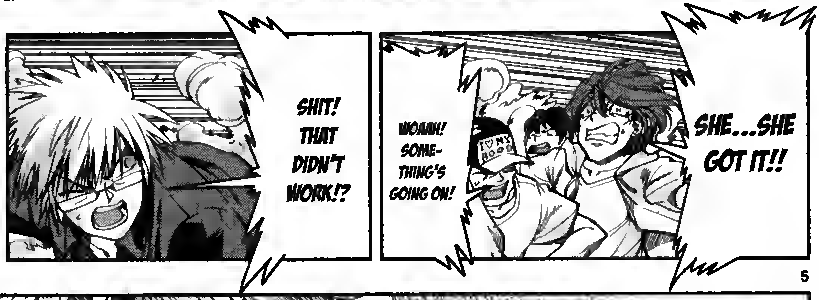
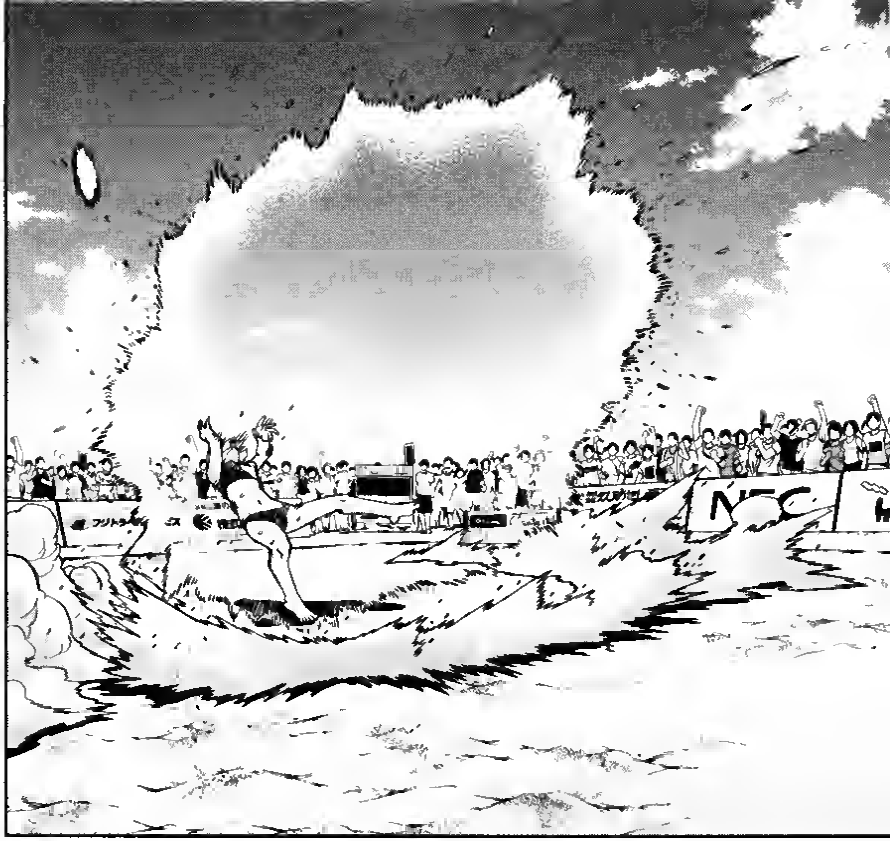

SHIT! THAT DIDN'T WORK!?
WOAHH! SOME-THING'S GOING ON!
SHE...SHE GOT IT!!



TH . THAT'S THE BACK HANGER .
HAYAKAWA GOT THROWN BACK!!
WOAH!
AMAZING . WHAT STRENGTH

WOAAAAOOOOO!!
WITH THIS ATTACK, SHE WAS ABLE TO BREAK THROUGH WHAT WAS THOUGHT TO BE AN IMPENETRABLE FRONTLINE!!
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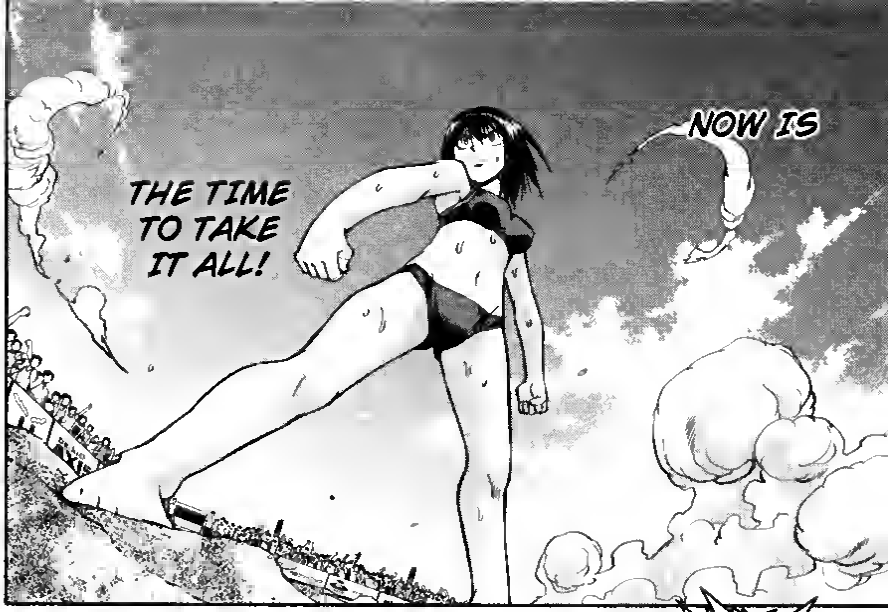
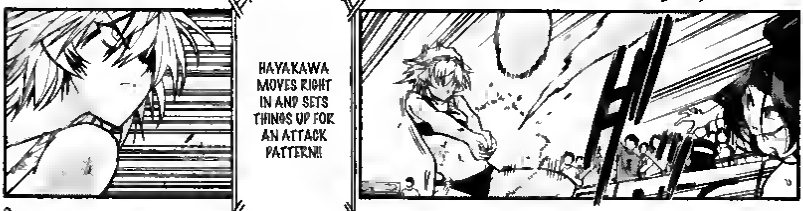
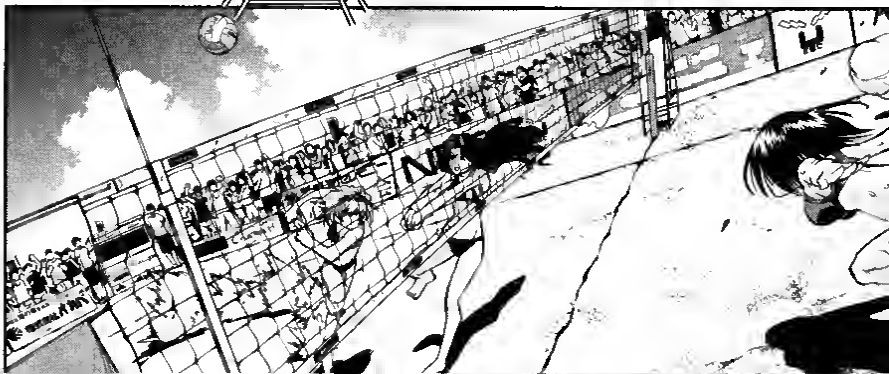
AND... AND THAT WAS NANASE WITH A BACK ATTACK!!

IT WILL BE FINE... THAT GIRL'S FOUGHT HER WAY HERE ALL THE WAY FROM THE BOTTOM.
THAT'S RIGHT, IRUKA. GO FOR IT!
THIS BATTLE IS WHAT YOU'VE BEEN FIGHTING FOR ALL ALONG!
NANASE...
EVERYTHING YOU'VE WORKED FOR IS RIGHT HERE.


NOW IS
THE TIME TO TAKE IT ALL!

BRING IT, HAYAKAWA!


HAYAKAWA MOVES RIGHT IN AND SETS THINGS UP FOR AN ATTACK PATTERN!
HI!



THAT WAS CLOSE!!
ISHIHARA GETS IT!!
CAN KANAGAWA MAKE AN EFFECTIVE COUNTEKATTACK!?
TOO BAD. RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE, AND I'M HERE!
BREAK THROUGH !!
OH, IT LOOKS LIKE ONO HAS READ THE PATH OF THE BALL!!

MY SPIDER TRAP!!
I'M JUST GETTING STARTED!!
AMAZING!! I WONDER IF WE'VE EVER HAD A MATCH AS FASCINATING TO WATCH AS THIS ONE!?
THIS WILL NO DOUBT BECOME A HISTORICAL MATCH IN THE MADONNA CUP SERIES!!

TOKYO (B)○ 19 - 21 KANAGAWA
THE SCORE IS NOW EVEN!!
THE KANAGAWA TEAM WINS THE SECOND SET!!
WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN NEXT!?
WOW, THAT'S AWE-SOME!!
SANAE, YOU SEEM TO BE HAVING FUN!
THEY WON A SET AGAINST HAYAKAWA!!
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YEAH!!
YOU CAN DO IT, YOU CAN DO IT, NANASE!!
KEEP GOING AT THEM!!
LISTEN, YOU GOT THIS FAR, SO DON'T SCREW IT UP!
AND NOW, WE'RE STARTING THE THIRD AND FINAL SET!!

AFTER GIVING AWAY THE FIRST SET, THE AMAZING KANAGAWA TEAM HAS NOW CLAIMED THE SECOND!
AND TO THINK THAT THIS TEAM IS NOW FIGHTING IN SUCH A CLOSE GAME AGAINST HAYAKAWA'S TEAM... IT'S TRULY A MIRACLE!
ACCORDING TO THE STATISTICS HERE, NOT MUCH TIME HAS PASSED SINCE KANAGAWA FORMED A BEACH VOLLEYBALL TEAM ...
HUH?
YOU JUST DON'T SEE IT.
MY DEAR, MIRACLES OCCUR QUITE FREQUENTLY.

THOSE TEENAGE YEARS...OTHER PEOPLE, NOT TO MENTION THE PLAYERS THEMSELVES, USUALLY AREN'T EVEN AWARE OF THEIR ABILITIES GROWING...
THOSE KIDS CAN DEFINITELY SEE IT CLEARLY!
EVEN I HAVE DIFFICULTY SEEING IT LATELY, BUT

THAT MOMENT WHEN THE IMPOSSIBLE BECOMES POSSIBLE ...
THEY'RE SURPRISED BY HOW MUCH THEY'VE GROWN
THAT'S WHY THEY MUST EXPERIENCE VARIOUS THINGS, AND THEN, WHEN THEIR TALENTS BLOOM.
AND IT APPEARS WITHOUT WARNING RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOUR EYES!!
THAT'S WHAT THEY CALL A MIRACLE.

RIGHT. SPIKING ISN'T THE ONLY KIND OF ATTACK THERE IS.
POKEY

GOOD!
A HUNTING POKEY!

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WOW, AMAZING. A POKEY WITH A SPIN?

OK, LISTEN, BOSS. WHEN YOUR OPPONENT SENDS A STRONG BALL YOUR WAY, YOU SHOULD USE YOUR LEGS AS A SPRING TO COUNTERACT THE WEIGHT BEHIND THAT BALL!
SHE GOT IT WITH ONE HAND!!

MIKASA
THAT STINGER SHOT....
SHE RECEIVED IT PERFECTLY!
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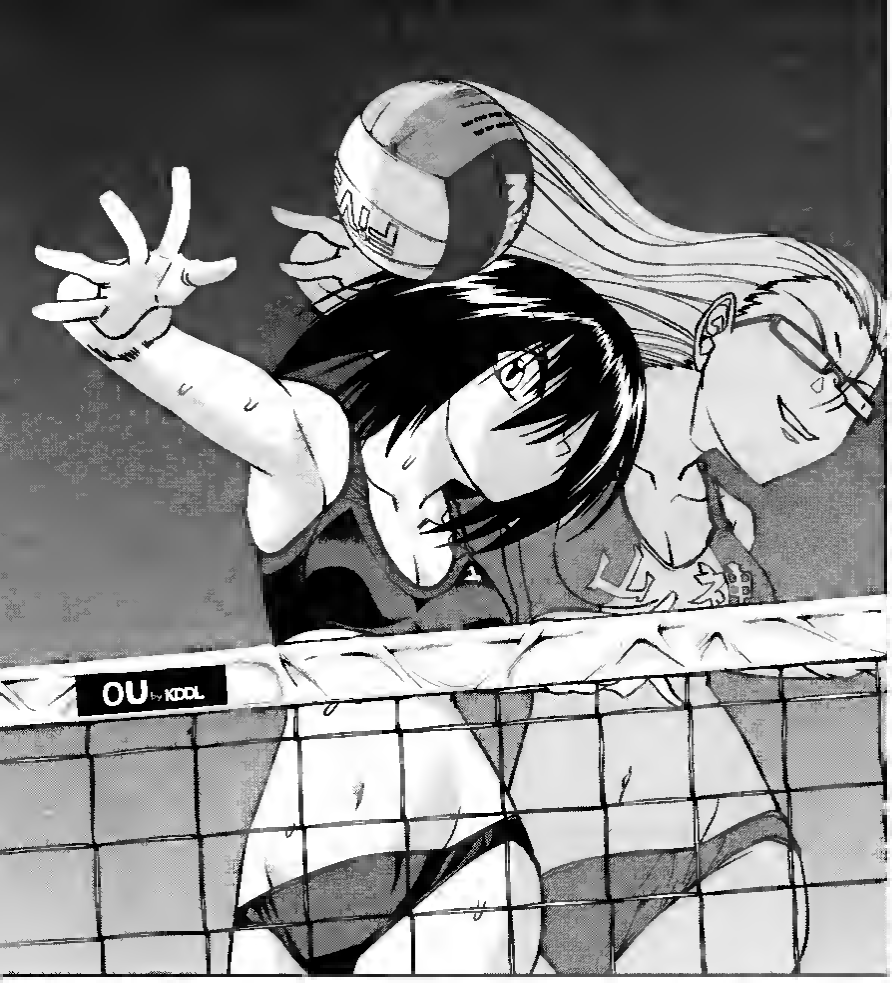
YOU HAVE TO BE THINKING OF YOUR NEXT MOVE AS SOON AS YOU RECEIVE THE BALL.
WHEN THERE ARE ONLY 2 OF YOU IN BEACH VOLLEYBALL,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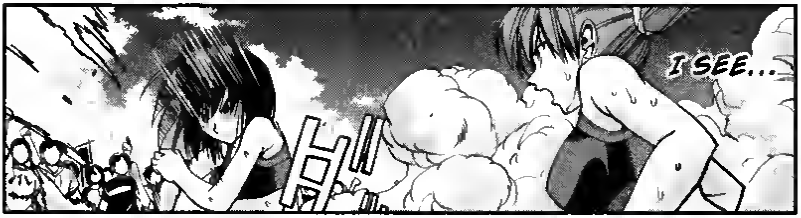
CROSS-
SPIKE!!

AND KANAGAWA HAVE IT WITHIN THEIR REACH!
THE THIRD SET WILL HAVE TO BE PLAYED TO 16 POINTS!
TOKYO (B) ○ 14 - 15 ○ KANAGAWA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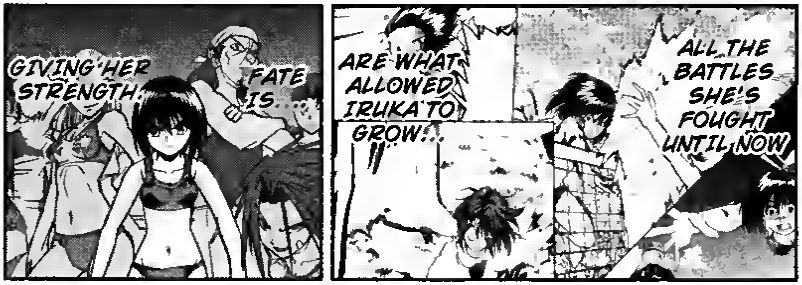
GIVING HER STRENGTH...
FATE IS...
ARE WHAT ALLOWED IRUKA TO GROW...
ALL THE BATTLES SHE'S FOUGHT UNTIL NOW!

STRENGTH TO FIGHT AGAINST HAYAKAWA SANAE!

HEH HEH. AND TO THINK I'D ALMOST GIVEN UP. !!
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SANAE, THEY'VE GOT THE MATCH POINT WITHIN REACH.
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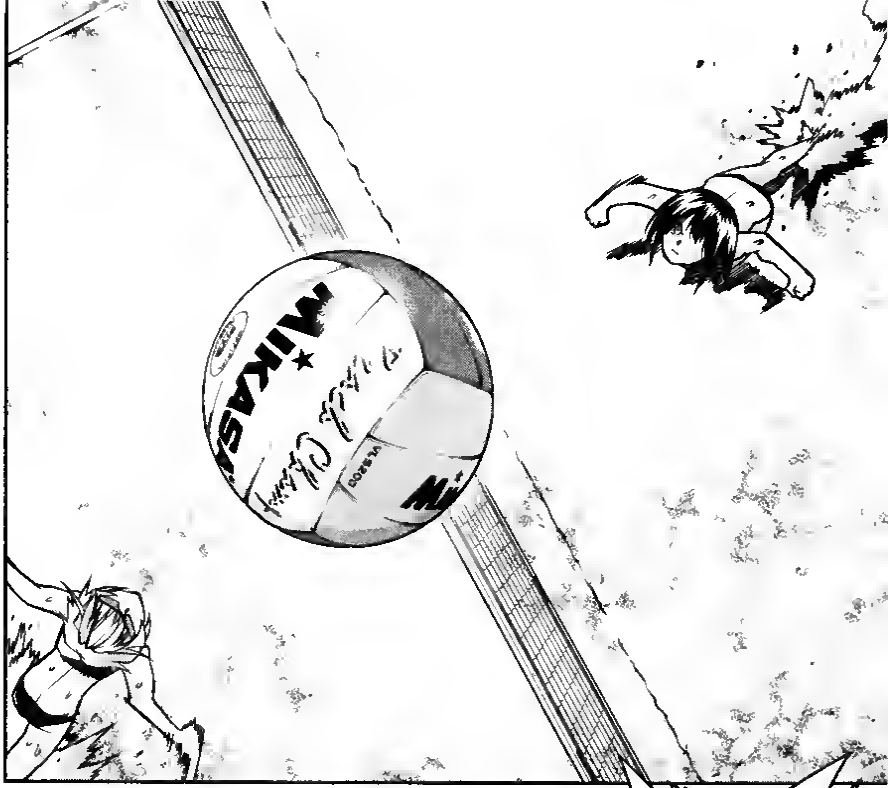
I SUPPOSE WE'LL MEET STRONG OPPONENTS WHO HAVE THE ADVANTAGE IN AGE AND CAREER EXPERIENCE...
FROM HERE ON, WE BECOME ADULTS, AND WE'LL HAVE TO PLAY AGAINST A VARIETY OF PEOPLE...
WE'RE FIGHTING ON EQUAL TERMS!
WE'RE FACING EACH OTHER AS STUDENTS!
EVERYONE HERE IS LIVING IN THE SAME TIMEFRAME AS WE ARE!
BUT THIS COMPETITION! THIS COMPETITION IS DIFFERENT!!
SOMEONE IN THE SAME SITUATION AS ME! IN MY TIME, ON MY TERMS!
I WAS WAITING FOR THIS! I WAS WAITING FOR SOMEONE TO APPEAR IN THIS MATCH, SOMEONE WHO COULD MAKE ME FIGHT SERIOUSLY!!

THAT'S WHY I'M ENJOYING THIS SO MUCH!! THAT'S WHY I CAN PLAY SERIOUSLY!!

IRUKA, OPEN YOUR EYES!!
BELIEVE THE IMPOS-SIBLE! THAT'S WHAT A STAR DOES!!
VICTORY IS RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOUR EYES!!
TAKK
UWAAAHHH, HAYAKAWA!!
I'M ABOUT TO CRUSH YOU!!
GH... WE'VE COME THIS FAR,
NO WAY I'M GOING TO LET THIS BALL DROP!!
KANABAWA SENDS THE BALL UP TOWARDS THE NET!!


MIKASA

BACK HANGER!!
PHANTOM STINGER!!

IT'S A CLASH BETWEEN THE TWO PLAYERS AS THEY MEET ABOVE THE NET! NEITHER IS WITHDRAWING!!
WHO WILL BE THE FINAL, TRUE BEACH STAR!?
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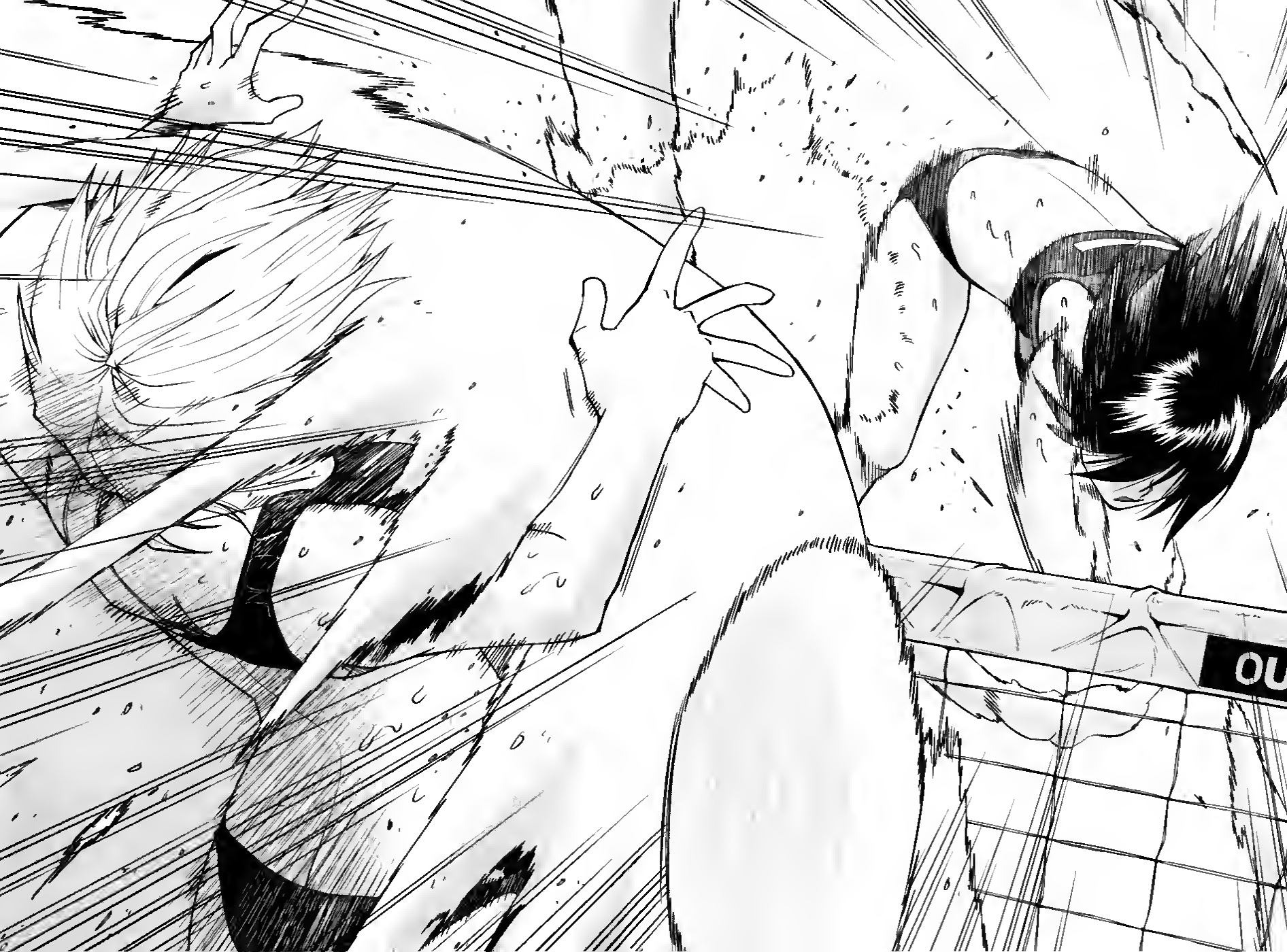
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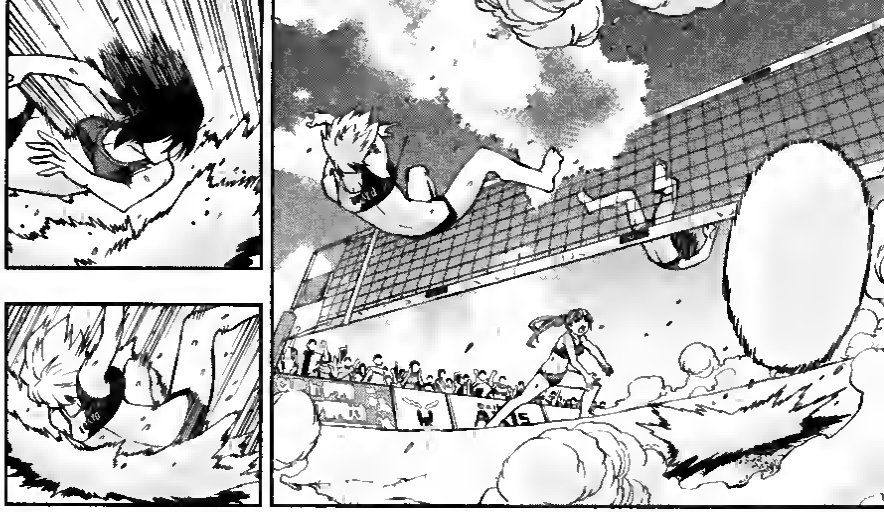

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BY BEATING TOKYO (B) THE KANAGAWA TEAM HAS GRASPED VICTORY!!
THAT DID IT! IT'S KANAGAWA!!
TOKYO (B) 14 - 16 KANAGAWA
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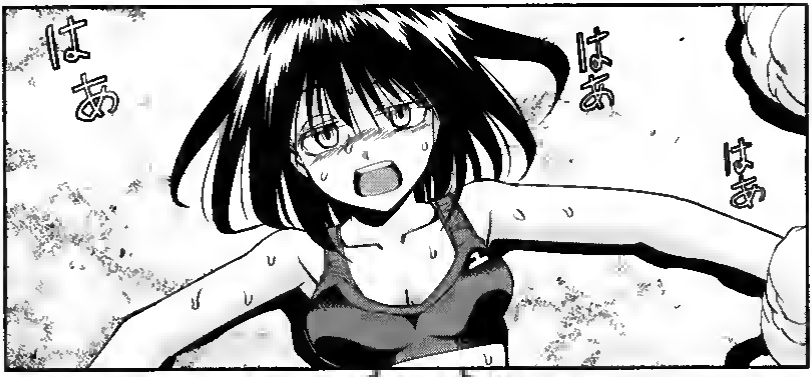
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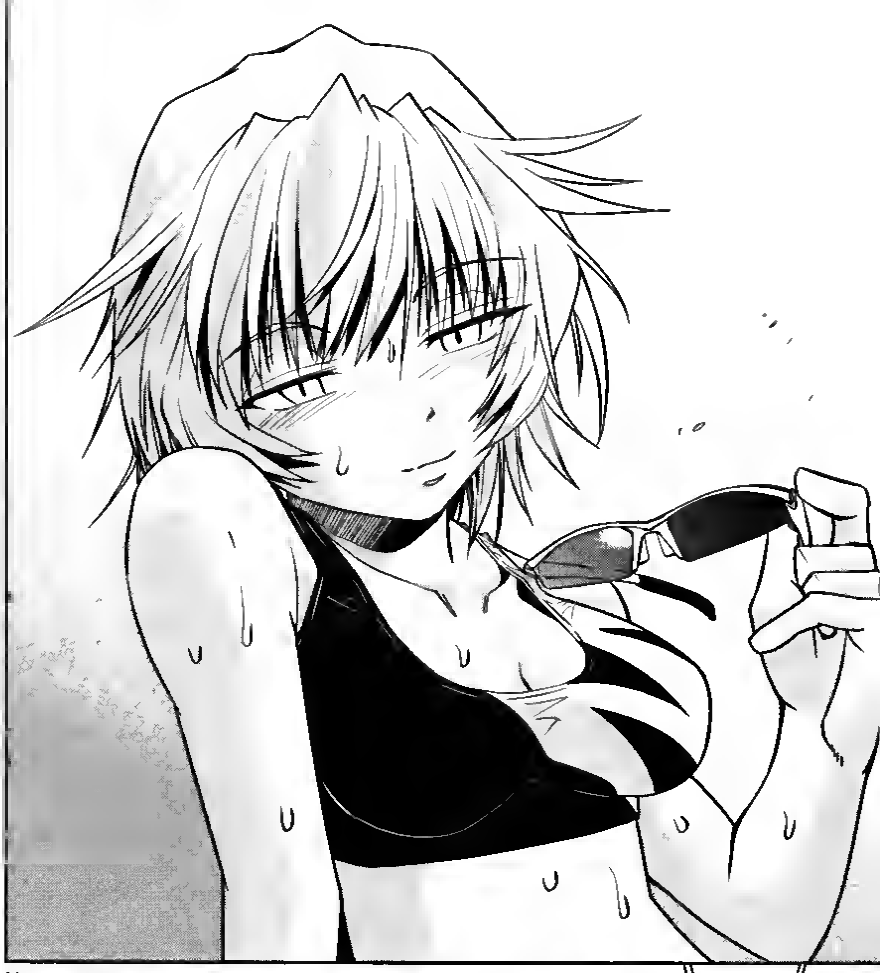
YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING SHE CAME ALL THIS WAY JUST SO SHE COULD SAY THAT TO ME
DID YOU HEAR THAT, SANAE?
DID I SHOW YOU, OR WHAT, HAYAKAWA!?
HOW WAS IT!?
WE WON...
WE BEAT HAYAKAWA...



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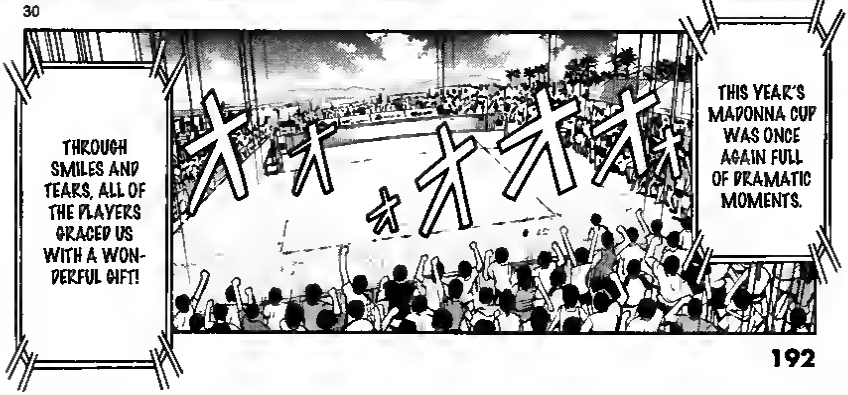
THIS YEAR'S MADONNA CUP WAS ONCE AGAIN FULL OF DRAMATIC MOMENTS.
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THROUGH SMILES AND TEARS, ALL OF THE PLAYERS GRACED US WITH A WONDERFUL GIFT!

I'M SORRY...?
IS THAT WHAT I SHOULD SAY?
HM...
ACTUALLY, I'M OVER IT ALREADY.
.....
I PROBABLY WOULDN'T BE HERE TODAY, PLAYING BEACH VOLLEYBALL LIKE THIS...
THAT DAY, IF YOU HADN'T MADE ME FEEL SO STUPID,
OH, REALLY? YOU'RE WELCOME, THEN.
SO, FOR THE TIME BEING, I'LL JUST SAY THANKS.

AND NOW, LET US GIVE EACH OTHER A HEARTY HANDSHAKE TO CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF THESE NEW QUEENS OF THE COURT!!
MIKASA

Pardon Me
MIKE

TO ALL OF YOU PRESENT HERE TODAY, WE ANNOUNCE THIS YEAR'S MADONNA CUP WINNERS.... NANASE AND ISHIHARA. PLEASE GIVE THEM A HEARTY AP-PLAUSE!!
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ATTACK!!
GYAH!!
WHAT!?
ALL RIGHT, LET'S GET INTO THE PICTURE TOO!
YEAH!!
TAKKY
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HEY, NOT FAIR!! TAKE A PICTURE HERE, TOO!!
IS EVERYONE FROM KANAGAWA WATCHING!?
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OK, LET'S GO HOME.
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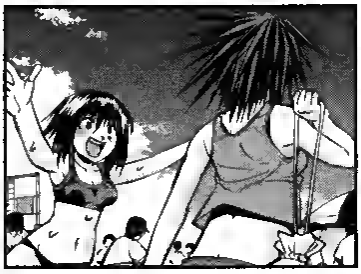

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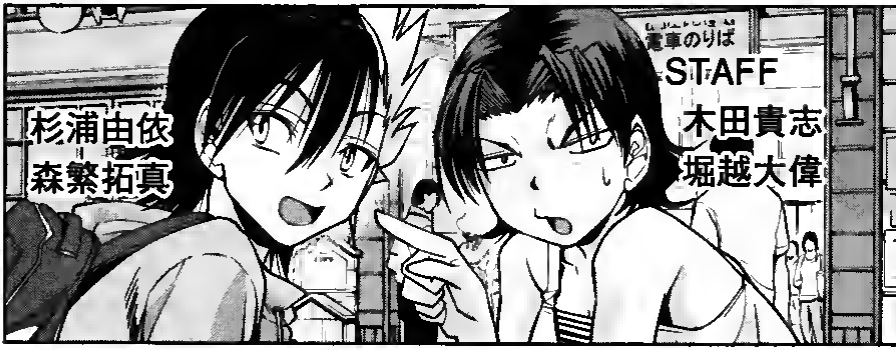
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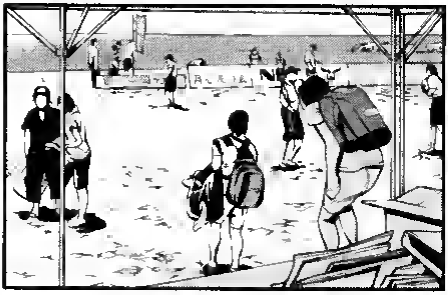

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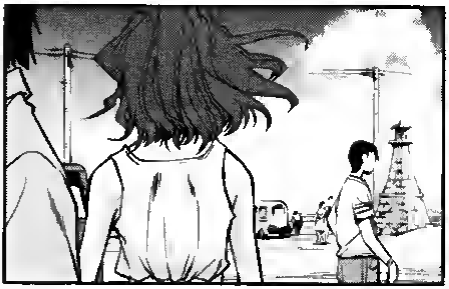

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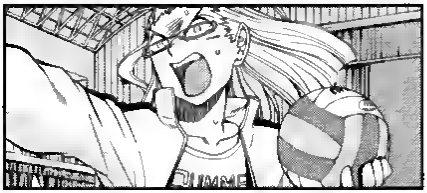

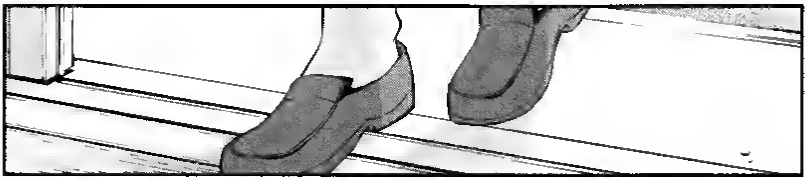

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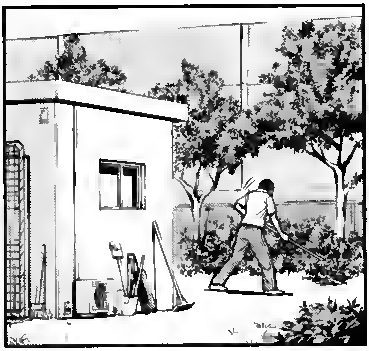

ARE YOU READY, YOU NEW RECRUITS !?
IT'S NOT THE SAME AS VOLLEY-BALL! NOT THE SAME AT ALL!!
ROGER THAT!!
BEACH VOLLEYBALL IS A BATTLE ON THE SAND!!
WHO ARE YOU?
LOST WEIGHT
IT'S ME, TAKKI!
LET'S GET STARTED. TODAY, WE'LL TEACH YOU TOSSES!
I.. I'VE NEVER EVEN PLAYED VOLLEY-BALL.
YOU'LL BE FINE I WAS ONCE AN AMATEUR, TOO

SO I'M IN THIRD GRADE OF HIGH SCHOOL NOW. I FEEL LIKE I'LL GRADUATE BEFORE I KNOW IT.
WHEN I DO GRADUATE WE WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE EACH OTHER ANY-MORE!
!?
WELL THEN WHEN YOU GRADUATE WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME TO MY HOUSE TO HANG OUT?
IF YOU CAN CATCH THIS THEN YOU CAN COME OVER.
HUH? SERIOUSLY? HOLD ON A MINUTE!!

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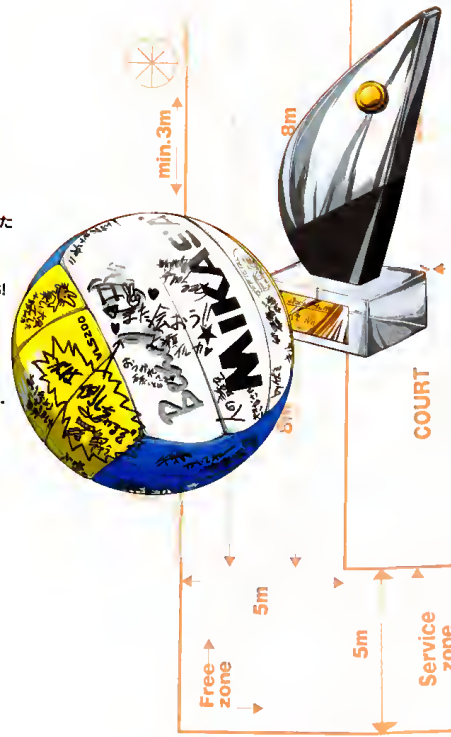
早川さえ打倒を胸に、
全国大会・マドンナカップまでやってきた
我らが、七瀬イルカ!!!
しかし、そこで待つのは
因縁浅からぬ全国のビーチスターたち!
早川との対決を実現させるためにも、
彼女たちに負けるわけにはいかない!
話題沸騰の
ビーチバレー熱血ストーリーは
ついに、手に汗握るクライマックスへ…
大興奮の完結巻!!



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